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INDEPENDENT SAFETY SERVICES LTD—DEFENSIVE DRIVER TRAINING

What is Defensive Driver Training?

Defensive driving is the ability to use a set of skills which, if applied consistently, will substantially reduce preventable accidents. Both mental and practical skills are required to develop this defensive driving style.

What are the risks of driving at work?

"It has been estimated that between 800 and 1,000 road deaths a year are in some way work-related. Many bosses have ignored this problem in the past, but the Health and Safety Executive has now made it clear that employers have duties under health and safety law to manage the risks faced by their workers on the road."

Roger Bibbings, Occupational Safety Adviser, Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents

Why should your employees take the course?

As an employer you have a duty of care towards your employees and the public and are required to take appropriate steps to ensure the health and safety of your employees and others who may be affected by their activities when at work. This includes the time when they are driving, or riding at work, whether this is in a company or hired vehicle, or in the employees own vehicle. In addition to clearly demonstrating your commitment as an organisation to complying with health and safety legislation you are also reducing the risk of facing prosecution under the Corporate Manslaughter Act. Managing the risks to employees who drive at work requires more than just compliance with road traffic legislation.

Case studies and research have shown that benefits from managing work-related road safety and reducing crashes include: -

- Fewer days lost due to injury
- Reduced risk of work-related ill health
- Reduced stress and improved morale
- Less need for investigation and paperwork
- Less lost time due to work rescheduling
- Fewer vehicles off the road for repair
- Reduced running costs through better driving standards
- Fewer missed orders and business opportunities so reduced risk of losing the goodwill of customers
- Less chance of key employees being banned from driving, e.g. as a result of points on their licences.



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The Defensive Driver Course

ISSL 'fleet safety programmes' are fully customisable and bespoke to meet your organisations needs. Courses are normally conducted on a two-one full day basis. ISSL will arrange to meet your drivers wherever they are located or they can come to one of our training centres. The trainer will help drivers to develop the strategies required to improve risk awareness and decision-making.

Learning Objectives:

- To identify behaviours/practices that may lead to loss or injury
- To provide training on areas that have been identified as sources of risk
- To emphasise the competence of existing behaviours/practices (strengths)
- To improve knowledge of the vehicle and fuel economy
- To highlight areas where further support and/or training may be necessary

These objectives are reached through the following course programme:

- Welcome and Overview
- Classroom session: understanding road hazards, highway code and why accident may occur
- First drive assessment
- Lunch
- Drive by instructor and feedback on initial drive
- Second drive where key areas will be discussed and strategies given to improve/ enhance driving
- Close – overview of day and feedback on both drives
- Certificate and driving assessment will be provided by email within a week after course

At the end of each course the trainer will provide each participant with a risk profile that will highlight the strengths and risk factors identified during the drive, note progress made and pinpoint areas that may require further attention. The training is made available for all vehicle types including motorcycles, cars, vans, minibuses and trucks.

Please contact us today to learn more about the services we can offer you.



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