

DRIVER INFORMATION

WHEN CONVEYING LOADS WHICH COME WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE ABOVE REGULATIONS YOU MUST ENSURE THAT:

Information in writing in the form of package labels or a separate document is always available for each dangerous substance being conveyed

Information relating to previous loads, or other substances not being conveyed is removed from the vehicle, destroyed or placed in the secure pocket at the back of this clipboard

Loading stowage and unloading are carried out safely and that precautions with regard to fire or explosion are observed

Vehicle signs are displayed ONLY when a dangerous substance is being conveyed

Vehicle signs are kept clean and free from obstruction

All precautions are taken to prevent fire or explosion throughout conveyance

Security during loading, carriage, transhipment and unloading operations is imperative

Your general safety equipment and any safety equipment specific to the load is in good order

SAFE PARKING CONSIDERATIONS

Ideally a suitable (and, if possible, supervised) lorry park or depot should be used when you are carrying dangerous substances. It should be a location which is secure and in the open air. If this is not possible choose a location which is:

- (a) A vehicle park supervised by an attendant who has been notified of the nature of the load and the whereabouts of the driver;
- (b) A public or private vehicle park where the vehicle is not likely to suffer damage from other vehicles; or
- (c) A suitable open space separated from the public highway and from dwellings, where the public does not normally pass or assemble

The lorry park at a motorway service area would be a suitable option

For short stops, for example for a tea break, try to stay with the vehicle or be able to return to the vehicle quickly

If you cannot meet these requirements the vehicle must be supervised by a person over 18 years old who understands the danger(s) of the product being carried and the actions to take in an emergency

If you are in doubt about a suitable parking place contact the police for advice

IN CASE OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENT, FIRE OR LEAKAGE

ALERT THE POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES IMMEDIATELY

Give assistance to any person who is in immediate danger or who has suffered injury

Action to extinguish a fire or contain a spillage should be undertaken only if considered safe to do so

IF POSSIBLE

Stop the engine

Turn off battery isolating switch

Where there is no possibility of igniting flammable vapours operate emergency warning flashers

Move the vehicle to a place where any fire or leakage would cause less harm or damage

If carried, place a hazard warning device to the rear of the vehicle and of any spillage

Wear protective clothing if appropriate

Keep people away from the scene

Prevent smoking and keep other vehicles out of any fire risk area

Remove any instructions in writing or other documentation relating to the load from the cab if it is likely to be damaged by fire or become inaccessible

WHEN POLICE AND FIRE SERVICE ARRIVE

Show them the instructions in writing or other documentation relating to the load

Tell them what action has been taken

Tell them all you can about the load

FOLLOWING ANY EMERGENCY

Inform the vehicle operators of any fire, spillage or uncontrolled release of a dangerous substance during conveyance as soon as possible