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WASTE

Workplace Transport Inspection Campaign

2022 - 2023

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2022 Campaign

In Autumn 2022, HSENI Inspectors from the Explosives, Extractive Industries and Waste Group (EEIWG), conducted focused inspections to assess the management of workplace transport risks at private waste premises across Northern Ireland.

25 waste premises were visited by Inspectors. Each inspection targeted three key areas required to manage workplace transport safely.

SAFE SITE

SAFE VEHICLE

SAFE DRIVER



Companies were notified of the inspection campaign in July 2022 and provided with an electronic copy of the inspection pro-forma used by Inspectors. The inspection campaign was officially launched in September with the issue of a press release followed by the commencement of inspections in October.

This document intends to provide an overview of the results of the 2022 Inspection Campaign, highlighting areas where dutyholders have demonstrated good control of workplace transport related risk, and those areas where increased focus is required.

SAFE SITE



Positive Observations

- Adequate, strategically placed signage which was clear and informed both pedestrians and drivers about potential hazards on site and what they need to do.
- Designated parking areas, with parking for work-related vehicles separate from that for private cars.
- Separate pedestrian doors available at sheds/ buildings to prevent persons travelling through vehicle access/ egress routes.
- Workplace transport rules in place.
- Adequate lighting for operating during hours of darkness.
- Provision of adequate personal protective equipment (PPE) for employees.

Opportunity for improvement

- Development of a suitable Traffic Management Plan for the site to effectively manage traffic movements and the operation of vehicles.
- The use of one-way systems to limit reversing and prevent conflicting movements caused by 'two-way' traffic flow, including the introduction of reverse parking policies.
- Demarcation of dedicated, and, where practicable, physically protected pedestrian walkways including physical protection for persons required to hand-sort waste within waste reception areas.
- Housekeeping of dedicated pedestrian routes to minimise slip/ trip/ fall hazards.
- Provision of suitable barriers or guardrails at the entrance/ exit to sheds and at pedestrian walkways that lead directly onto vehicle routes.
- The use of convex mirrors at sharp/ blind bends to improve visibility.

SAFE VEHICLE

Positive Observations

- Systems in place to complete and record vehicle daily pre-use checks including effective defect reporting procedures.
- Vehicle servicing and maintenance schedules in place.
- Vehicles fitted with accessories i.e., mirrors/ cameras to provide all-round visibility for the operator.

Opportunity for improvement

- Completion of statutory examinations for vehicles and accessories used for lifting (LOLER inspections).
- Policies in place to ensure keys are removed from vehicles when not in use to prevent unauthorised use.
- Lap belts worn by the operator during vehicle operation.

SAFE DRIVER

- Vehicle operators received adequate training for the vehicle/ plant they are authorised to use.
- Adequate arrangements in place for driver refresher training to ensure ongoing competence.
- Measures in place to prevent persons falling from height from vehicles during loading/ unloading activities.



HSENI Enforcement Action

Two Prohibition Notices were served by Inspectors during the 2022 campaign:

1. Inadequate measures to protect employees' hand-sorting waste in the vicinity of operational vehicles.
2. Defective interlock on waste baler allowing employees access to dangerous parts of machinery.

Ten Improvement Notices were served by Inspectors during the 2022 campaign:

1. Six improvement notices in relation to absence of the completion of statutory examination (LOLER inspections) for vehicles used for lifting.
2. Four improvement notices in relation to an absence of effective measures to ensure pedestrians and vehicles are segregated on site.


2023 Campaign

Following the 2022 Inspection Campaign, Inspectors from HSENI EEIWG will recommence focused workplace transport inspections at private waste premises from 17th July 2023. Inspections will again focus on the three key areas required to manage workplace transport effectively: safe site, safe vehicle, and safe driver.

The inspection template used by Inspectors during these visits can be downloaded via the HSENI website at:

www.hseni.gov.uk/publications/waste-workplace-transport-inspection-campaign-proforma-2023

Practical guidance on how you may manage work related transport risks on site can be found in HSG136- 'A guide to workplace transport safety'. This is available at: www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/priced/hsg136.pdf



Vehicles at work continue to be a major cause of fatal and major injuries in Northern Ireland. Throughout the last ten years, 34 people have lost their life through workplace transport incidents and 162 people were seriously injured. Every workplace must be safe for the people and vehicles using it.

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