

Today's Topic/Issue

There are lots of occasions when pedestrians encounter vehicles on workplace sites. From Forklift Trucks (FLT's) to commercial vehicles such as Large Goods Vehicles (LGV's) it is important to stay vigilant when travelling as a pedestrian so as not to suffer a potentially life changing injury.

The safest way to protect pedestrians is to segregate them completely from moving vehicles. If you see a 'No Pedestrian' sign, it is important that you find an alternative route and do not enter this zone.



**No access for
pedestrians**

However, there are several areas on workplace sites where vehicles and pedestrians must interact, starting with the walk from those who drive into work to their place of work. It is important that both drivers and pedestrians follow the safety rules to prevent an incident from occurring.

QUICK QUIZ

Which areas on this site will you find vehicles and pedestrians sharing the same space?

QUICK QUIZ

What steps which you take when travelling across UK roads should you take when you are travelling across car parks, yards or warehouses?



Forklift trucks should be considered as high a risk as any other vehicles, especially as they carry heavy loads:

- A forklift doesn't move in the same way that a car does. Rear-end steering gives a tight turn radius for the front of the forklift, but the back end of the truck swings wide during a turn
- The load being carried can create blind spots for the operator
- The forklift is often operated in reverse to help the driver see the area
- The weight and size of the load has an impact on the truck's stability
- Pedestrians must be aware of the increased instability of a truck with a raised load, and position themselves away from the area where a load could fall during pick-up or placement operations
- Forklifts are heavier than cars. A forklift operating at a slow speed can do as much damage as a car driving about 15 miles per hour.



**Danger
Fork lift
trucks**



QUICK QUIZ

The LGV driver here cannot see anyone in the yellow areas when sitting in the cab.

What can you do as a Pedestrian to increase your visibility when interacting with LGV's?



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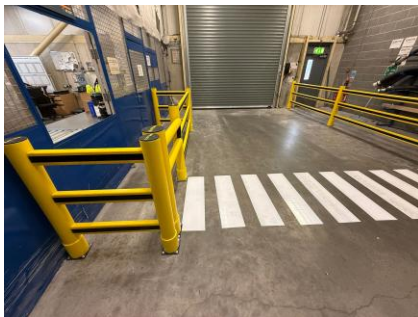
Segregation should be the priority when it comes to reducing interactions between pedestrians and on-site vehicles. This is not always possible to achieve and so it is important to ensure both drivers and pedestrians have full awareness and respect for one another.

Car parks, yards and warehouses often feel safer as they tend to be limited in size with slower moving traffic. However, these environments have more obstacles blocking a driver's field of vision and traffic can still move suddenly and in all directions. The same rules you would apply to the road should be adhered to in these environments.

QUICK QUIZ

Which areas on this site will you find vehicles and pedestrians sharing the same space?

**Car Parks – Yards – Warehouse - Between buildings
confirm any other areas on your site**



QUICK QUIZ

What steps which you take when travelling across UK roads should you take when you are travelling across car parks, yards or warehouses?

- Always use a crossing point if you can, even if it means walking a little further
- Never hop over a barrier or fence designed to segregate pedestrians from traffic
- Look and listen for traffic and don't be distracted, put your phone away, stop chatting to colleagues and look at the road and check the traffic before crossing
- Don't cross in front of a lorry, or large vehicle. Always assume they haven't seen you and wait for them to come past. If you must cross in front of a large vehicle try and catch the driver's eye so you know he or she has seen you
- When in doubt, wait. Vehicles are going faster than you think and always assume the driver hasn't seen you. Be patient.
- Be seen. Help other road users to see you. Wear a hi-vis when travelling through yards
- Keep looking and listening. As you cross keep looking out for traffic in case there is something you didn't see, especially forklift trucks which can be very quiet.



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What can you do as a pedestrian to increase your visibility when interacting with vehicles such as HGV (Heavy goods vehicles)?



Stick to the walkways – these have been risk assessed to create the safest routes for pedestrians and drivers will expect to see people using them.



Wear Hi-Vis - Wearing high vis is one of the most effective things you can do to be seen. Ensure that it is fastened all the way around your body to give you 360-degree visibility.



Let people know you are there – communicate with the people in the area you are walking through so that they are aware that you are there. This might be a supervisor or a specifically trained person (banksman) who can stop any moving vehicles to allow you to pass. If you make eye contact with a driver, wave to communicate that you have seen one another.



Stay in brightly lit areas – especially during the winter months and adverse weather, sticking to areas which are well lit is key to being seen. Most walkways and pedestrian areas will be lit whereas other areas may not be.



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