

Vulnerable Road User Policy

Dowse Haulage vehicles share the road with many other road users; some of whom are at greater risk than others. We, recognise that some of these road users may warrant special consideration and greater vigilance in order to protect their safety and wellbeing.

Aim

Dowse Haulage aims to avoid all incidents and collisions involving other road users by adhering to this Policy and relevant Company Transport Procedures in place. We have identified the significant risks from its operations involving its transport activities (including the safety of vulnerable road users) and have put in place a number of procedures to reduce these risks. **A Red Folder** has been put into each Dowse vehicle with instruction and information on a number of issues including Cycle rider's awareness.

Because of the variable factors involved, no single measure is enough to completely ensure safety. However, by considering a wide-range of factors, e.g. driving conditions, safe driver training and safe vehicle issues, the Company has taken all reasonable steps to prevent a serious incident. A number of controls, procedures and work instructions have been identified through the risk assessment process and these are routinely brought to the attention of our workforce.

The Company expects these measures to be adhered to and will take appropriate action against those who fail to do so. From time to time, the risks and measures to reduce them will be monitored and reviewed to ensure maximum effectiveness.

Who are Vulnerable Road Users?

The term '**Vulnerable Road Users**' can be applied to anyone who is using the Road network that is not within a car, lorry or other large vehicle. In particular, the term refers to people with a range of impairments including people with a physical disability especially those with mobility impairment, people who have a sensory impairment – hearing or visual, people with mental health problems and people with learning disability.

Under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, Design Organisations should ensure that where possible, accessibility for mobility impaired people is equal to that of other non motorised users.

Vulnerable Road Users include the following groups of people:

- Pedestrians, including People with young children
- People carrying heavy shopping
- Older people
- Children
- Disabled people with a range of impairments, both temporary and permanent.
- Cyclists
- Powered two wheelers
- Wheelchair users – manual and power chairs, and mobility scooters
- Horse riders

**As a driver you have a duty of care to share the road safely with all road users
Particularly in urban areas.**

Paul Mansfield
Health & Safety Manager

At Dowse Haulage we are committed to ensure the safety of other road users, especially cyclist, therefore all our trucks have been fitted with a audible voice left hand indicator warning systems & signage to the rear of the truck.