

# Toolbox Talk

## Driving Safety



### What?

- Many people need to drive a vehicle as part of their job and despite the increasing focus on safety it is still one of the most dangerous things you can do
- Safe driving is more than just knowing how to operate the controls. It requires a good knowledge of the Highway Code and a commitment to follow the rules by carefully observing driving conditions and operating the vehicle to suit these changing conditions

### Why?

- Road accidents are the biggest cause of fatalities each year, approximately 3,400 are killed and 36,000 seriously injured annually as a result of road accidents in the UK
- Some 65% of road traffic crashes/accidents involve a vehicle driven on company business



### Do



- ✓ Check on vehicle condition – is it roadworthy (i.e. tyres ok, lights ok etc.)
- ✓ Check that company policy is understood (e.g. seat belts are worn by driver and passengers, use of mobile phones, Drug and Alcohol policy, etc.)
- ✓ Travel at safe speeds and to comply with speed limits
- ✓ Keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front
- ✓ Ensure that you have a valid licence.
- ✓ Be aware of adverse weather conditions and slow road traffic conditions

### Don't



- ✗ Drive for long periods without taking a break
- ✗ Consume alcohol or take drugs before or during driving on company business.
- ✗ Leave valuables on show when you are not in the vehicle

