THE LAW

Which law covers what: vehicles on site

A plain-English map of the main UK duties for vehicles and people on site. Fill in the last column with where you could show each one on your own site: a document, a control on the ground, a record. This is not legal advice.

Site	Completed by	Date

Law	What it says (short)	What it means in the yard	Where we can show it on our site
HSWA s2	Employer's duty to its own employees, so far as is reasonably practicable	Safe vehicles and routes, safe systems of work, training and supervision, safe ways in and out	
HSWA s3	Duty to people who aren't your employees	Visiting drivers, contractors, couriers, visitors and the public	
HSWA s7	Employees take reasonable care and cooperate	Drivers and people on foot follow the site rules	
HSWA s37	Directors and managers can be liable personally	Senior people own the arrangements, not only the site team	
HSWA s40	The duty holder proves it did what was reasonably practicable	Keep the reasoning for the controls you chose	
Management Regs, reg 3	Suitable and sufficient risk assessment, reviewed when no longer valid or after significant change	Workplace transport assessment covers everyone; reviewed after layout changes and incidents	
Management Regs, reg 5	Arrangements for planning, organisation, control, monitoring and review; recorded if five or more employees	Who checks the controls, how often, and what happens when they fail	
Management Regs, reg 7	Appoint competent help	Named competent person for workplace transport	
Workplace Regs, reg 17	Pedestrians and vehicles can circulate safely; separation on shared routes; routes indicated	Walkways, barriers, crossings, markings and signs	
PUWER, reg 4	Work equipment used only where it is suitable	The right vehicle for the job, the ground and the conditions	
HSG136, L117 (guidance)	HSE's guidance on workplace transport and lift trucks	Layout, segregation, driver training and authorisation	

Gaps found	Action owner	Review date