

This policy statement forms part of our Integrated Management System (IMS), certified to ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, ISO 45001:2018, National Highways Sector Scheme (NHSS) 16 Certification and UKCA Marking to EN13108.

MGL Group (MGL) operates to a common national standard which provides a clear framework to ensure employees managing heavy fleet know their roles and responsibilities in eliminating the risk to Vulnerable Road Users (VRUs).

Responsibilities: The responsibility for implementing and determining company policies is derived by the Board of Directors. David Elliott and Mark Davison, Managing Directors, have been appointed as having overall responsibility for this policy.

Management:

MGL heavy transport fleet is managed following the requirements of current legislation, Highway Code, Freight Transport Association / Road Haulage Association guidance and all mandatory requirements of the Fleet Operator Recognition Scheme (FORS) Bronze Standard.

Control Measures:

MGL has identified the significant risks from our operations involving transport activities (including the safety of VRUs) and has put in place procedures to reduce these risks.

Objectives:

The key objectives of the vulnerable road user policy are to:

- Improve vehicle safety when purchasing new vehicles and retrofitting appropriate safety equipment to existing vehicles
- Promote a culture of safety and exercise a duty of care
- Avoid the distress and trauma of a collision to both the victim and the driver
- Avoid the financial and reputational risks associated with a collision.

Roles and Responsibilities:

MGL Managing Directors are primarily responsible for Vehicle, Driver and Driving Standards within MGL and mitigating risks associated with our road use. In addition, MGL has nominated the Plant and Haulage Manager to report on the suitability, condition, and maintenance of the vehicles we use.

The Plant and Haulage Manager will ensure:

- MGL vehicles are as safe as possible and are fitted with appropriate vision aids/warning devices suitable for our activities
- Management and supervisory employees are resourced, trained, and empowered to ensure the duties outlined in this policy are adhered to
- Any related policies, driver training, education campaigns and disciplinary procedures are consistent with this policy.

Every driver within MGL has defined responsibilities; these include:

- Obeying the rules of the road and the Highway Code, observing speed limits, and allowing for road hazards and conditions
- Driving with due courtesy and consideration to other road users
- Protecting vulnerable groups, particularly pedestrians, cyclists and motorcyclists or groups working alongside the road, such as highway maintenance workers or vehicle recovery personnel
- Minimising fuel use and maximising safety through a responsible driving style
- Being conversant with all procedures and documentation referred to in this policy and ensuring the policy is fully implemented.

Communication of Policy: This policy is communicated to all employees and is made available to any interested party.

Policy Review: This policy statement will be reviewed annually and amended where appropriate.

David Elliott – Managing Director



Mark Davison - Managing Director



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