

INCIDENT ALERT

LOCATION: On-Highway
ACTIVITY: Transport
SUB ACTIVITY: Mobile Plant

ALERT STATUS: Normal
DATE ISSUED: 20/07/06
INCIDENT No: 00052

TITLE
Use of mobile phones
ACCIDENT / INCIDENT DETAILS
<p>A Notice of Intended Prosecution has been received from Warwickshire Police in respect of an agency driver who was using a hand held mobile phone whilst driving a company haulage vehicle.</p> <p>The Notice alleges that the driver committed one or more of three offences:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dangerous driving.- Driving without due care and attention.- Driving holding hand-held mobile phone. <p>The observation was made by a police officer on a Monday morning. The driver was observed to be turning left using his left hand whilst driving in a 20mph school safety zone.</p> <p>Warwickshire Police have requested the driver™s name, the company policy on driving whilst using a phone and the driver™s tachograph for the previous 21 days. As a result of the incident the driver has been dismissed.</p>
ACCIDENT / INCIDENT IMAGES
LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN
<p>Drivers are reminded of the company policy on the use of mobile phones whilst driving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A •hands-free• kit, or device that achieves the same level of safety e.g. •Bluetooth• system, must be used.- The phone is only to be operated by pressing a single, easily accessible button or by using a •voice command• facility.- It must be safe to use the mobile phone taking into consideration driving conditions.- Calls are only made when they are important and cannot be delayed.- The duration of incoming and outgoing calls must be kept to an absolute minimum.- Drivers must not send or read text messages whilst operating a vehicle. <p>People making calls to mobile phones are responsible for encouraging compliance with these requirements. They must keep the duration of a conversation with a driver to a minimum and must always check in the first instance that it is safe for the driver to receive the call.</p>
LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS IMAGES