INCIDENT ALERT

LOCATION: On-Highway

ACTIVITY: Transport

SUB ACTIVITY: On-highway

TITLE

Driving At Roundabouts

ACCIDENT / INCIDENT DETAILS

14.03.2008

UK Safety Alert

Driving at Roundabouts Details of Incidents

Details of incidents

Recently, our Logistics fleet of Large Goods Vehicles (LGVs) have been involved in a number of accidents as a result of third party vehicles undercutting them at roundabouts. More often than not, this has resulted in serious damage to both our vehicle and the third party vehicle and injury to the driver(s)

Large goods vehicles can be up to 60ft and therefore require much more space to manoeuvre than a car.

ACCIDENT / INCIDENT IMAGES

LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

Learning Points

For drivers of large goods vehicles (LGVs):-

• Plan ahead as early as possible which exit you need to take and signal your intentions in good time to give other road users appropriate warnings.

• Take note of and act on all the information available to you from traffic signs, traffic lights and road markings

that direct you into the correct lane.

• Remember, "mirror, signal, mirror, manoeuvre" at all stages.

• Get into the correct lane when it is safe to do so.

• Be aware of the speed and position of all traffic around you and adjust your speed to fit in with traffic conditions.

• Be aware that motorists may not realise how much space you require to make your manoeuvre safely.

• Be aware of vulnerable road users such as cyclists, motorcyclists and pedestrians.

• LGVs may be intimidating to other road users. Do not use the size of your vehicle to frighten other road users.

• If you see a potential situation, adjust your speed to avoid conflict.

For other road users:-

• Remember, large goods vehicles (LGVs) require extra time and space to carry out manoeuvres safely.

• LGVs may need to straddle two lanes in order to carry out a manoeuvre safely in narrow lanes

LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS IMAGES

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