BEST PRACTICE

LOCATION:	**Transport**	**ARTICLE YEAR**	**2014**
ACTIVITY:	**Occupational Health**	**COMPANY:**	**Smith & Sons (Bletchington) Ltd**
SUB ACTIVITY:	**N/A**	**COMPANY LOCATION:**	**Vehicle Workshops (HO)**
BEST PRACTICE No:	**BP915**	**COMPANY TEL:**	**07816 277564**
COUNTRY OF ORIGIN:	**United Kingdom**		

TITLE

Protective film on driver's cab window

ARTICLE

DESCRIPTION

Following one of their drivers being diagnosed with skin cancer on his neck, Smiths Bletchington wondered whether this might be connected to the driver's exposure to sunlight whilst driving. Following research, they found reports from the US and Australia that made a link between full time drivers and occurrences of skin cancer on the side of their body nearest the side window.

The company found that standard vehicle glass provides little protection against the strongest UV light on side windows, and no vehicle manufacturer or supplier offered alternatives. Working with a local vehicle window repairer, a clear laminate film that provides UV protection was identified, Johnson's Window Film Museum UV clear.

So far, a third of their vehicle fleet has been fitted with the laminate. This work is undertaken when a vehicle is in workshop for MOT or other work. In addition, awareness of skin cancer has been increased and sunscreens made available.

BENEFITS

- Driver's risk of skin damage from UVA exposure reduced
- Laminate is totally clear so does not impair vision
- Laminate does not contravene any vehicle manufacturing standards
- Laminate does not contravene any window tinting laws
- Easily fitted at cost of circa £80 per vehicle
- Staff pleased by the company's response to this issue.

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