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Security tips for goods vehicle drivers

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Goods vehicle drivers should consider and make use of practical security steps.

Practical security steps for drivers

Goods vehicle drivers should follow these security procedures and bear useful security tips in mind, both when out on the road and before they depart.

Don't share information

- Avoid talking about loads or routes with unauthorised persons (including over radios and telephones)
- Do not post information about your route or location on social media, be aware of your ‘digital footprint’, and take care to avoid unwitting disclosure of route/location through mobile phone security settings and geolocation of pictures
- Only discuss high risk routes with your transport office

Securing and checking your vehicle

- Lock and secure your vehicle whenever you leave the cab and keep the keys secure, including when unloading and loading, always follow company security policies and instructions
- Carry out visual walk-around checks when leaving and returning to the vehicle to make sure it has not been tampered with. Report any irregularity in loading, locking, sealing or documentation to your Company

- When conducting walk-around checks, think Security as well as Safety

Keeping safe

- Never carry goods for anyone, other than the authorised load
- If you are forced to change your route, inform your Transport Office immediately
- If someone is acting suspiciously or something ‘doesn’t feel right’ either at the depot or on the road, report it online to Action Counters Terrorism (ACT), call 0800 789 321 and contact your company
- Do not allow unauthorised passengers into the cab
- Keep your phone fully charged and on you at all times, and store important phone numbers
- Be mindful of your personal security and keep ID documentation and wallets secure and out of sight
- Beware of attempts to deceive, such as by bogus Police and DVSA Officers - Stay vigilant always

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