



# **R.W. CHRISTOPHER CRANE HIRE LIMITED**

## **Safe Driving Policy Statement**



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One of the highest safety risks that affect us in our operation is the driving and operation of heavy plant and vehicles. These are activities that our employees undertake every day while at work and for long durations during the working shift.

It is our policy to ensure that we are safe while driving or operating plant and equipment as far as is reasonably practicable. To this end we ensure that each driver/operator is fully trained and certified to drive/operate the vehicle in question. All training is recorded on the employee's personal training record and kept up to date with, as a minimum, annual checks. Where a license is required for the vehicle operation then the driver or operator MUST have obtained the appropriate license (or provisional licence if under training) for the type of vehicle they are driving/operating. A copy of the licenses will be retained by the employer.

It will be the responsibility of each employee to notify the employer if there are any changes to his license as a result of a non-work situation i.e. if a license is withdrawn or modified as a result of a driving offence. Each employee when reaching the age of 50 and at regular intervals thereafter will undergo a medical check in line with statutory requirements.

All vehicles must be driven or operated on the public highway within the scope of the Road Traffic Standards and the Highway Code, and plant operation must be to the manufacturers instruction and only operated within the limitations of the plant.

We have a policy that ensures that each driver will operate their vehicle, without a stop, for no more than 2 hours at a time. During a working 12 hour shift a maximum working period of 6 hours driving or 8 hours plant operation will be applied. The breaks can be taken inside the cab but the vehicle must be parked up and not moving and the crane operator must be resting between lifts.

It will be the responsibility of each driver/operator to undertake a daily inspection of the vehicle or mobile plant that he/she is operating before using that vehicle. There will be a check list of items to check and this will be recorded at the start of every work period. When operating cranes the driver/operator will undertake a check of all the ancillary plant and equipment needed for the use of the crane. All checks as required under LOLER (Lifting Equipment and Lifting Operations Regulations) and PUWER (Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations) must be completed.

## Safe Driving Policy Statement (cont.)

Crane operators will be responsible for undertaking all lifts but will rely on the information supplied to him by the "Person in Charge of the Lifting Operation". Where the crane driver has any concern over the safety of the lift, his crane or the people and plant in the area of the lift then he will always have the right to refuse to make that lift until his concerns have been addressed by the relevant persons. He will never operate his plant outside of the safety parameters of the crane and outside of the detail supplied in the lifting plan.

Where there is any breach of safe driving or operation then the situation will be thoroughly investigated and as a result of the investigation outcome disciplinary action may be taken relevant to any offences committed. The disciplinary procedure for the company is set out in the Company Disciplinary Policy.

Director Signature:

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