



Information Update

WEARING OF SEAT BELTS

“You must wear a seat belt if one is fitted.”

TRUCK DRIVERS ARE NOT EXEMPT FROM WEARING SEAT BELTS

DRIVERS - BE AWARE

Some van and goods vehicle users wrongly consider themselves exempt from wearing seat belts, whatever distance they're travelling. The law was amended to make it clear that the exemption applies only over a very short distance.

The law on seatbelt wearing was changed in March 2005 to make it clear that delivery drivers and their passengers must wear their seatbelts except on very short journeys.

From Tuesday 1st March 2005 it has been compulsory for drivers and passengers in vehicles constructed or adapted to carry goods to belt up when making deliveries or collections, if they travel over 50 metres. Fifty metres is roughly the width of an average football pitch.

THE AUTHORITIES HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT WILL BE ACTIVELY PROSECUTE DRIVERS AND FRONT SEAT PASSENGERS WHO ARE NOT WEARING THEIR SEAT BELTS.

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!

** there are medical exemptions, but these are very specific and rare.*

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