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BRIDGE STRIKES

A bridge strike is where a vehicle collides with an overhead bridge.

As a driver your responsibilities are to *know your overall vehicle height, to know that the route that you intend to take is suitable for your vehicle, and to be observant both to road signage and to physical structures.*

The attached document is a Network Rail publication entitled 'A Good Practice Guide for Professional Drivers of Passenger vehicles, specifically targeting drivers of PCVs.

This information is yours to keep, please *read it thoroughly and carefully* and ensure that you *understand* and *comply with the content at all times.*

It is YOUR responsibility to ensure that you do not allow your vehicle to strike an overhead bridge or structure. You can avoid this by taking the following steps.

- KNOW the height of your vehicle before you set off – this is part of your daily walk-round check and you should complete your defect sheet accordingly to confirm this every time.
- PLAN your route – If you are using a navigation device (a 'sat-nav') this should be appropriate to the size of the vehicle that you are driving – a regular 'car' sat-nav will not warn you about low bridges that will restrict a bus or coach.
- READ all road signage carefully.
- AVOID short cuts on routes that you are unfamiliar with.

Please sign this letter to confirm that you have received and understood this information and will comply with it at all times.

Signed: _____ Driver _____

Print name: _____ Driver _____

Date: _____ ** _____