

Largest ever fleet safety survey by Jaama reveals drivers still at risk

Fleet Software and Occupational Road Safety experts Jaama have completed one of the largest ever fleet road safety surveys.

Over 1300 companies with fleet sizes of 5 + vehicles responded to the survey including fleet managers, MD's, FD's and HR managers, with worrying results. Of the responses, 22% admit to being completely unaware of the HSE's driving at work guidelines. More worrying are the 78% who claimed to be fully or partially

aware who appear to be falling short of even the simplest of checks - 42% had no road safety policy, a basic requirement from the HSE.

The overall results were as bad with 15% not checking drivers' licenses or enforcing eye sight tests, 78% not monitoring drivers' hours and 50% admitting they are not able to identify 'at risk' drivers.

Of the 68% who let employees use their own cars for business,

74% didn't know whether these vehicles required an MOT, 22% didn't checked their drivers were insurance for business use and 85% admitted that they never inspected any aspect of the vehicle condition.

Managing Director of Jaama, Jason Francis said: "When conducting our research we deliberately set out to gain an accurate picture across a broad range of UK companies.

"Whilst there has been a

significant amount of road safety publicity within our industry press, our research shows there's is huge lack of awareness amongst smaller fleets. Schools, colleges and small businesses are by far the worst offenders.

"The results could mean there are up to 1 million vehicles on our roads used for business that are not properly managed."

New safety seminars from Jaama

Due to demand, award winning fleet software and occupational road safety specialist Jaama has announced an additional 5 dates in June for their 'duty of care' seminars.

Jaama claim to have trained delegates from more than 200 businesses in the past 6 months.

"Feedback from delegates attending our courses has been overwhelming with many referring colleagues from other departments," explained Jason Francis, Jaama's Managing Director.

"At the end of each course we ask everyone to complete a feedback questionnaire and without exception we have received outstanding accolades."

Robert Chowdrey, Group Facilities Manager for Anthos London Ltd supports this claim. "Since I was 'specially selected' as the health and safety officer I have attended numerous courses and seminars throughout the UK and without a doubt Jaama's was by far the best in both content and presentation."

The additional June seminar dates are:
Swindon, Wednesday 8th June;
Dartford, Wednesday 15th June;
Rotherham, Wednesday 22nd June;
Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Tuesday 28th June; and **Liverpool, Wednesday 29th June.**



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Safety to stay top of the agenda

Road safety will continue to stay top of the agenda with Labour re-elected for a historic third term, according to award winning fleet software and occupational road safety specialist Jaama.

Since they were elected in 1997, Labour has made road safety a key concern. By 2000, annual road deaths had already fallen by 39% and serious injuries by 45%, when compared

with 1981 to 1985. However, having already set tough new targets for further reductions by 2010, re-election is certain to maintain occupational road safety as a priority for UK businesses.

Jason Francis, Jaama's managing director commented: "During the last 8 years Labour has introduced a broad range of measures to reduce fatalities on

our roads. 'The Provision of Work Equipment Regulations', changes to 'The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations', the 'Transport Act 2000', establishing the 'Work-Related Road Safety Task Group (WRRSTG)', and 'The HSE's Driving at Work safety guidelines 2003', have all made a significant impact.

"Being re-elected will continue

the pressure on both road safety and holding organisations to account, with new legislation like the long overdue reforming of the law on corporate manslaughter."

Jaama has just finished conducting one of the widest and most inclusive industry surveys and the results show that there's still a long way to go before businesses achieve the wide-spread adoption of best practice.