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● DRIVER TOOLBOX TALK · ABOUT 8 MINUTES

DAILY WALK-ROUND CHECKS.

A proper walk-round catches the defect before DVSA does. It's a legal duty, not a courtesy.

WHY THIS MATTERS

A walk-round check is the last line of defence before a vehicle with a real defect goes out on the road. Rushing it, or skipping steps because "it was fine yesterday," is how defects get missed.

COVER WITH THE GROUP

Key Points

- Do the same checks, in the same order, every single day
- Check tyres, lights, mirrors, wipers, fuel and oil leaks, number plates, and load security
- Check in-cab warning lights and the horn before moving off
- Report anything found, even something small, before driving
- A defect report only works if someone reads it and acts on it
- Walk-round checks are a legal requirement under your operator licence, not a courtesy to the company

WATCH OUT FOR

Common Mistakes

- Rushing the check because you're running late
- Only checking what's easy to see, and missing what's easy to miss — under the vehicle, rear lights
- Not reporting a defect because "it'll probably be fine"

Ask the group:

What's the one thing you're most likely to skip when you're in a rush?

What happens if DVSA stops you and a defect you already knew about wasn't reported?

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ATTENDANCE RECORD

Keep this page on file as evidence the talk took place. DVSA and the Traffic Commissioner look for proof of ongoing driver training, not just a policy that says it happens.

Talk delivered by: _____ **Date:** _____ **Location:** _____

Driver Name	Signature	Date

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