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● DRIVER TOOLBOX TALK · ABOUT 8 MINUTES

REVERSING SAFELY.

Reversing incidents are one of the most common — and most avoidable — HGV accidents.

WHY THIS MATTERS

Most reversing incidents happen at low speed in familiar places, which is exactly why they catch people out. A moment of assumption is usually all it takes.

COVER WITH THE GROUP

Key Points

- Get out and look before reversing if you're unsure
- Use a banksman or guide where possible, and agree signals before you start moving
- Mirrors and cameras help, but they don't replace checking properly yourself
- Know your blind spots — they're bigger than most people expect on an HGV
- Go slow enough to stop immediately if something appears
- Sound your horn when reversing in a busy yard or public area
- Never reverse purely on someone waving you back if you don't have a clear view yourself

WATCH OUT FOR

Common Mistakes

- Trusting a banksman you haven't briefed properly beforehand
- Reversing on autopilot in a familiar yard, without checking it's still clear today
- Reversing too fast because "it's only a short distance"

Ask the group:

What's the riskiest reversing manoeuvre you do regularly?

What would make reversing safer at this site specifically?

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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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