

Safe Vehicle Reversing

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure safe reversing. This pamphlet aims to remind drivers, vehicle owners, shopkeepers / factory owners and pedestrians to pay attention to the following:

Drivers - Before reversing

1. Don't reverse unless it is absolutely necessary and it can be done safely.
2. If you are not sure about the situation behind the vehicle, get someone to guide you when reversing, and to alert pedestrians and other drivers.
3. Switch on the hazard warning lights to alert pedestrians and other drivers.
4. Check the proper functioning of the reversing lamps, reversing alarm and other auxiliary reversing devices (if fitted). This should also be done regularly.

Drivers - During reversing

1. Make sure there are no pedestrians, particularly children and elderly people, behind your vehicle.
2. Give way to other vehicles and pedestrians.
3. Pay particular attention to the "blind spots" behind you, i.e. the parts of the road which cannot be seen from the driver's seat.
4. Drive with extremely low speed.
5. Turn off the audio equipment inside the vehicle and lower the window to listen carefully for any sound outside.
6. Be aware of the surroundings. Do not rely solely on the reversing alarm. Pedestrians may not hear it.

Vehicle Owners

1. Goods vehicle owners should install a reversing alarm in accordance with the law.
2. Owners of other types of vehicle may consider installing auxiliary reversing devices to alert pedestrians and other drivers.
3. Check regularly that the reversing lamps, reversing alarms and other auxiliary reversing devices (if fitted) are functioning properly.

Shopkeepers / Factory Owners

1. Arrange suitable parking spaces for safe loading / unloading activities.
2. If goods vehicles have to reverse in order to reach your loading / unloading area, arrange someone to guide the drivers during reversing and to alert other road users, especially pedestrians.

Pedestrians

1. Pay attention while on the road. Do not use mobile telephones or headphones. Wear glasses or hearing aids if necessary.
2. Do not cross the road between vehicles or at places where your sightline is obstructed.
3. Beware of reversing vehicles. Be alert to the audio signals from the reversing alarm.
4. Avoid walking or crossing the road behind a reversing vehicle.
5. Be cautious around parked vehicles as they may move or reverse any time.

" Be Cautious When Reversing "

