

# SFL246 Escort the Abnormal Indivisible Load Vehicle or Abnormal Indivisible Load along the approved transport route



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## Overview

### What this standard is about

This standard is about implementing the approved transport route for the abnormal indivisible load vehicle or abnormal indivisible load. It includes the activities involved in assessing and countering risks that arise during the escort duty and the procedures to be followed in the event of a breakdown or emergency.

### Who this standard is for

This standard is relevant to drivers of abnormal load escort vehicles.

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## Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

- P1 use paper or electronic road maps to confirm the approved route
- P2 respond to detours and road closures which arise during the escort of abnormal indivisible load vehicles or abnormal indivisible loads
- P3 implement appropriate procedures in the event of a breakdown of the vehicle you are escorting or of the escort vehicle you are driving
- P4 implement emergency procedures in the event of an incident involving the vehicle you are escorting or of the escort vehicle you are driving
- P5 conduct dynamic risk assessments related to the escort of abnormal indivisible load vehicles or abnormal indivisible loads
- P6 use appropriate hand signals to warn other road users and pedestrians
- P7 take action to respond to traffic congestion arising from the escort of abnormal indivisible load vehicles or abnormal indivisible loads

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## Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 how to use paper or electronic maps to confirm the approved route
- K2 how to deal with detours and road closures that arise during the escort of abnormal indivisible load vehicles or abnormal indivisible loads and are not in the documentation
- K3 the breakdown procedures of your organisation
- K4 the emergency procedures of your organisation
- K5 the principles of dynamic risk assessment and how they are applied to the escorting of abnormal indivisible load vehicles or abnormal indivisible loads
- K6 what types of problems could occur if loose materials, restraints and ancillary equipment are not secured
- K7 the Code of Practice and the sections of the Highway Code that are relevant to the escort of abnormal indivisible load vehicles or abnormal indivisible loads
- K8 the appropriate positioning of the escort vehicle on single carriageway roads
- K9 the appropriate positioning of the escort vehicle on dual carriageway roads or motorways
- K10 the potential for the escort of abnormal indivisible load vehicles or abnormal indivisible loads to create traffic congestion
- K11 the actions that can be taken by the abnormal load escort driver to reduce traffic congestion arising directly from the escorting of abnormal indivisible load vehicles or abnormal indivisible loads

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## Additional Information

### Glossary

**Code of Practice:** The current Department for Transport Code of Practice relating to the Self-escorting of Abnormal Loads and Abnormal Vehicles or any successor document

**PPE** – Personal Protective Equipment as specified in the Code of Practice and required by own organisation or client organisation and/or in accordance with any delegated powers

**Dynamic Risk Assessment** - A continuous process of identifying risk, assessing, and coming up with a way to reduce or eliminate such risk

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