

# URBAN, SUBURBAN AND RURAL DRIVING POLICY

## Introduction

The purpose of this policy is to highlight the differences between Urban, Suburban and Rural roads and the different driving styles that should be employed. This policy applies to all drivers, supervisors, and managers responsible for drivers.

## Intent

L Lynch Plant Hire & Haulage Ltd recognise that there are different types of roads and that not all roads are suitable for all vehicle types. Drivers, along with Transport Managers, are required to consider the suitability of the route they take for each journey. Urban Roads are in the boundaries of a built-up area. They are typically categorised by the presence of streetlights and kerbs adjacent to the road edge. They are in major towns and cities and are heavily populated and have a high level of vulnerable road users. Suburban roads are in smaller towns and will often be made up of housing estates where parking is limited and therefore road access is more restricted.

Rural roads on the other hand, are less likely to have road markings, traffic tools such as road signs or traffic lights and are far less heavily populated. They are less likely to be well lit and speed enforcement isn't as well controlled. Roadsides are more likely to be overgrown, limiting visibility.

Several control measures have been identified and are communicated as part of this policy. The company expects these measures to be adhered to and will take appropriate action against anyone who fails to do so.

The key objectives of the Urban, Suburban and Rural Driving Policy are to:

- Highlight the varying suitability of road types for different types of vehicles.
  - Avoid financial and reputational risk associated with selecting the wrong road for the vehicle type.
1. Senior management will: -
    - Publish this Urban, Suburban and Rural Driving Policy and ensure it is effectively communicated to all staff.
    - Ensure that management and supervisory staff are resourced, trained, and empowered to ensure that the duties outlined in this policy are adhered to.
    - Ensure that any related policies, driver training, and disciplinary procedures are consistent with this policy.
  2. Supervisory management must ensure that:
    - They are conversant with all procedures and documentation referred to in this policy and that the policy is fully implemented.
    - All drivers are aware of their duties and responsibilities under this policy.
    - Ensure that any route planning considers the differing road types and their suitability for different vehicles.

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## 3. Drivers must ensure that:

- They use the correct type of satellite navigation system for the vehicle they are driving.
- They Consider the height and width of the vehicle that they are driving.
- They take the most appropriate route for their journey – this may not always be the most direct route.
- They consider weight restrictions.
- They account for the time of their journey – especially in Urban and Suburban areas.
- They consider the weather and how, in particular, this may affect rural roads.
- They drive to the conditions of the road and vehicle, not the speed limit.
- Be aware of wildlife that may appear on rural roads without warning.

This policy will be communicated to all employees and organisations working on our behalf, displayed at our offices, on our intranet and is available to defined interested parties.

This policy will be reviewed annually or sooner by senior management to ensure its suitability. Where necessary it will be amended, reissued, and communicated to all employees and people working on its behalf.



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