

Energy UK Guide to Driving: Guidance notes

Energy UK, the trade body for the UK Energy Sector, have produced a selection of slides that broadly cover the steps a driver should take in the course of their duties to effectively prepare and execute a safe drive.

Road accidents remain a huge priority for the Energy sector with suppliers often having large fleets of vehicles servicing consumers' properties and generators managing sites across distances requiring staff to travel. Each winter this risk is thrown into focus by the clocks changing and occasional treacherous weather events.

This guide to driving follows the steps a driver should take including before they are in the vehicle, considering their own fitness to drive, the condition of the vehicle itself, through to while a drive is in progress and potential hazards. It is in no way exhaustive, but is designed to assist the whole industry, Energy UK members and non-members, who may wish to adapt these slides into their own presentations to their fleet drivers.

We would advise anyone using this presentation to use examples – either from their own experience (taking into account any confidentiality if an accident may have taken place) or asking the audience for their own. In particular, this would be effective on the 'Fit for driving' slide when looking at fatigue and other factors in a driver being unfit to drive.