

## Satellite Navigation Policy

As a result of well-documented national press and social media coverage of accidents resulting from the over reliance on Satellite Navigation devices, please, note the following:

Whilst it isn't illegal to use Satellite Navigation systems, they are increasingly being banned from many of our larger clients along with an ever-increasing number of the smaller clients too. Most standard navigation systems are designed with Cat B dimensions (car) and not suitable for HGV's. There are a range of HGV Satnav systems that do not have to cost excessive amounts.

- Where clients have banned the use of Satnavs, delivery maps for specific locations including site specific risk assessments will be provided.
- Backline does not allow our HGV drivers to use their own **non-HGV** devices while driving for any client. Anyone found doing so will face disciplinary proceedings.
- If a SATNAV is supplied by the client, then it is your responsibility to adhere fully to that clients SATNAV policy and it's instructions.

A driver **MUST** - as part of their daily inspection procedure - check the presence and accuracy of in cab height markers. Although there are no rules regarding equipment for measuring vehicles, it is recommended you have a minimum of a tape measure to check your vehicle height if you feel the height marker may be incorrect.

- Backline strongly advises that all drivers equip themselves with an up-to-date Truckers Atlas, showing inappropriate roads and bridges with reduced heights.
- Many of our clients will give you maps with set routes to your deliveries, if they don't then ask for them, and as a minimum, ask for advice on the recommended best route along with any restrictions you should be made aware of.

If the only access to a delivery involves following a supplied SATNAV or maps down lanes narrower or lower than the vehicle you are driving, then you must contact the client for whom you are working and explain the situation. If they insist - you should then call your Backline branch for advice and or permission, before any damage to the vehicle, building or any structure, or potentially could cause an obstruction.

Any damage to either load or vehicle caused due to the negligent usage of Satellite Navigation equipment or failing to follow road signage will result in disciplinary action.