



IF YOU HAVE TO THINK... IT'S TOO LATE!

Employers face unlimited fines,  
or even prison, over crashes  
involving company car drivers.



**1,000**

The number of business drivers  
involved in fatal road accidents  
**EVERY YEAR!**

**150**

The number of cars crashed  
whilst being driven for business use  
**EVERY SINGLE DAY OF THE YEAR!**

**1 in just 8000**

The chance of a fatal  
road accident happening for  
**EVERY 25,000 MILES DRIVEN!**

## The Complete Solution for Driver Training Compliance

As you may be aware, companies now have a significant potential exposure to legal action in the event of an employee being involved in a fatal road accident, and the chances of this happening are 1 in just 8000 for every 25,000 miles driven.

YOU ARE REQUIRED BY LAW, to provide comprehensive driver safety and awareness training with documentation, and to maintain a strict audit trail of training for all employees who drive on business. EPD (Excellence in Professional Driving) from Ultimate Car Control is the **ONLY** fleet driver training programme that can offer full legal compliance under current UK Health and Safety legislation with regard to driving on business.

A single day's training effectively licences your employees for a period of three years. Further email communication with your drivers reinforces the training and a series of online assessments highlight areas of concern. EPD protects your company, your employees and your management and provides you with the full audit trail you require.

The techniques taught are so effective that drivers returning after 3 years have lost very little, if any, of the knowledge and skills gained in that first day. As a result, companies using EPD have seen accident rates drop by as much as 50% and insurance premiums drop by almost 40%.

EPD is a full 'turn-key' solution to this exposure and has also been quoted as the most innovative, educational, exciting and complete fleet driver training programme available anywhere in the world.



Independent business risk insurance experts have said

**"We believe that it would be extremely unlikely, bordering on impossible, for a successful claim to be brought against**

EPD helps you to reduce your fleet management costs



Learn more about your company's potential exposure at  
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Working towards safer driving

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## URGENT PRESS RELEASE

Covering your exposure to corporate manslaughter legislation

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# Unique Fleet Driver Training Scheme from Volvo and Ultimate Car Control

- Volvo teams up with Ultimate Car Control to deliver a unique training scheme for company car drivers
- The unique EPD Course offers complete peace of mind for driver training compliance
- Volvo models chosen for safety reputation and innovative new technology

VOLVO CAR UK's fleet division has teamed up with Ultimate Car Control to offer a unique training programme for company car drivers.

Ultimate Car Control has spent five and a half years developing its Excellence in Professional Driving (EPD) programme in a bid to create a scheme that fleets can use to meet their legal obligations and protect employees that use their cars for business purposes.

Drivers taking part in the one-day courses will use Volvo vehicles, selected specifically for the manufacturer's expertise in vehicle safety and new technology that helps drivers avoid accidents on the road.

Robb Gravett, a former British Touring Car Champion and founder of Ultimate Car Control, said: "As a company, we are very excited to be associated with Volvo, as their focus on safety fits so well with our company's principles."

"However, even with all the safety features that Volvo builds into its cars, effective driver training is essential in the overall quest to reduce the number of road accidents, hence why we have developed the EPD programme."

Organisations are now legally obliged under Health & Safety legislation and Duty of Care requirements to develop company policies that protect employees using their car for work purposes. Driver training therefore has become highly sought after, but all too often, says Robb, programmes are developed to meet the basic requirements of the law, rather than focussing on the needs of individual drivers.

"When we started developing EPD, we did a lot of research into the sector and found that there was no established standard for existing courses. They had no reproducibility and took no account of the different skills and aptitudes of individual drivers. In short, many were just a box ticking exercise; a token effort by companies to meet their legal obligations.

"To me, that simply wasn't good enough - after all, this is people's lives and their safety that we are talking about and I wanted to change the way driver training was provided. Today, EPD is the only fully legally compliant driver training programme available, and it's also the only programme that licenses each individual driver."

Organisations putting drivers through the scheme have

already reported successful results - with one organisation witnessing a **47% drop in accidents** among its business drivers following participation in the course and a further **37% drop in insurance premiums** meaning that the course can become self-funding.

The one-day course is split into two sessions - the first, a classroom-based session covering topics like hazard perception, the effects of drugs and alcohol on drivers, as well as finding out how vehicle safety systems such as anti-lock brakes actually work. The second part is dynamic driver training, where participants learn how a car behaves in extreme situations and what a driver can do to keep control.

Robb added: "A classic example is when you're driving along a motorway and another vehicle pulls out in front of you - how do you react? We can reproduce this type of scenario in safe conditions and show drivers how the car will behave if you suddenly swerve out of the way, and what they can do to avoid an accident."

For the three years following the initial course, drivers receive additional guidance in the form of 'memory updates' from Ultimate Car Control and four online risk assessments to refresh their skills and also to highlight any possible areas of concern to the employer. They also receive email alerts, for example in winter when the snow comes, reminding them of the dangers of black ice and where it is most likely to be encountered.

Volvo is providing the training vehicles to Ultimate Car Control for the programme and is also putting its own employees through the scheme.

Selwyn Cooper, National Corporate Operations Manager at Volvo Cars UK, said: "Ultimate Car Control is the emerging leader in this sector and has created a driver training programme that is unique in the market place.

"We are delighted to have teamed up with them to improve standards across the industry and help organisations reduce accident rates and the associated costs caused by vehicle downtime and rising insurance premiums.

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