

Added value vehicle services

Additional support to help you manage your drivers and vehicles.

In an ideal world, your vehicle fleet would run like clockwork, leaving you free to focus on other business priorities. But what happens when something goes wrong? An accident in a work vehicle is not only financially costly, the drain on time and resources to get back to normal can be significant too. Also consider the ongoing administration associated with managing a fleet. It's easy to underestimate how time-consuming it can be to stay on top of things. So this article, we're covering some of the added value services available to help save you time and effort.

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RoSPA says that around one third of fatal and serious road crashes involve someone working. And according to Department for Transport statistics, 138,660 accidents were reported on Britain's roads last year alone (over two thirds in built-up areas at 40mph or less). The possibility of an accident can't be ignored – however accident management support is available to ensure it doesn't stop your business in its tracks.

A reputable accident management provider will organise roadside recovery, provide a guaranteed courtesy



car, manage the insurance claim, and negotiate fast and cost-effective vehicle repairs. The service is designed to remove the burden of dealing with the aftermath of an accident, ensures your employee can still work, and should save you money on repair costs too. Accident management cover needn't be expensive either; some reputable leasing companies such as Lombard Vehicle Solutions may include this at no extra charge.

Another option to alleviate your administrative burden, and protect your business from falling prey to illegal drivers, is using a third party licence checking service. According to the DVLA, two million photocard licences were out of date in January 2014 and a further 2.6 million were due to expire by the end of this year.

Unfortunately, where it's discovered that a company car driver involved in a serious accident doesn't hold a full, valid and appropriate driving licence, the courts may find that some responsibility lies with the company. Legally and morally your company should regularly check that employees are entitled to drive, as well as spouses or partners that you allow to drive company vehicles. A DVLA approved licence checking service will offer fast turnaround, regular checks and peace of mind.

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The third added value service to consider is the introduction of a fuel card. Even with a small fleet of drivers, a fuel card makes it much easier to collate fuel spend data, monitor and compare driver activity, and improve visibility and control for the company. Employees simply pay back any private mileage fuel use – and no longer need to fund their business fuel up front. For the company, the fuel card gives greater control (i.e. where fuel is purchased, therefore limiting the price paid); the ability to reclaim VAT on business fuel expenditure; and accurate management information. Again, it's worth considering the benefits this might bring for your business.

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