

Road traffic legislation

Know which legislation applies to road traffic accident investigations

P4	identify the legislation that applies to road traffic accidents. [SM3]	M4	comment on the effectiveness of the legislation that applies to road traffic accidents.	D4	relate legislation to road traffic accidents.
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Scenario 1
A land Rover, towing a trailer loaded with bales of hay, attempts to turn right at a mini-roundabout at which point two bales become loose from the load. The bales land on the top of a bonnet of a car approaching from the right. The car sustains bodywork damage from the bales, but, with the bale on top of the bonnet the driver's view is obscured and the car collides with a lamp post. The car driver and front-seat passenger sustain slight injuries for the deployment of the airbags. As well as for physical injury, they also subsequently make personal injury claims for stress and anxiety relating to the collision.

Handwritten notes for Scenario 1:

- Highway Code 184-190
- Roundabout
- Towing
- not secure
- Motor Vehicle Act 1989
- 191(3)
- number plate
- brake lights
- power/weight ratio
- RTA 1986
- claims?
- personal injury

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Scenario 2
A driver impacts his car with a bus which is leaving a bus stop. The bus driver and two independent witnesses state that the bus driver signalled his intention to pull away in good time. The car driver claims the bus driver did not indicate his intention to pull away from the stop. Tyre marks and collision damage indicate the car was travelling in excess of 38 mph prior to the impact. The road on which the collision occurred was in a built-up area with street lamps. At the scene the driver was breathalysed and the result was positive. Blood alcohol tests conducted by the FSS indicate the driver was over the legal limit.

Handwritten notes for Scenario 2:

- Speed limit
- drink limit
- Signaling
- RTA 1988 §4+5
- HC 223
- 30mph
- Highway Code

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Scenario 3
The 18-year-old owner of a Vauxhall Corsa converts his vehicle by lowering the suspension and fitting over-sized wheels. He also fits a much more powerful engine to the vehicle. The owner of the Corsa then drives the vehicle on a public road but fails to negotiate a left-hand corner at speed ~~due~~ to the adjustments made to the suspension and wheels. Officers find that the young man has not registered any alterations with the DVLC, had the vehicle tested by the Ministry of Transport, or informed his insurers of the alteration to the manufacturer's specification.

Modifications

RTA 1988
Construction & Use
of vehicle

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Scenario 4
A driver of a Ford Mondeo carries six passengers in his vehicle. He is stopped by the police on the outskirts of Bristol.

5 seats
over-loading
weight evenly distributed

RTA (Construction & Use
of vehicles)

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Scenario 5
A woman is stopped on the M4 by traffic officers. As they travelled behind, the officers noticed two small children moving freely around in the back of her BMW 3 series estate car.

Max 70 mph → HC

→ no seat belts

→ will be!

→ HC

> 1.5m > 12

No booster seat

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Scenario 6

A French-owned truck is topped on the M5 with its curtains open and some of the pallets stacked but not tethered.

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unsafe
unsecured load

distracting

RTA 1988
Maintenance & loading of goods

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