



Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Driver Safety

The Department for Transport (DfT) has published guidance for taxi and private hire vehicle (PHV) drivers to help them stay safe. The guidance aims to help drivers take appropriate precautions to prevent violence, advising them of what they should do in the event of a threat or violent incident.

The guides can be obtained from the following links:

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/crime/taxiphv/taxiguide>

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/crime/taxiphv/phvguidance1>

The guidance has been written following research by the DfT's Transport's Accessibility and Equalities Unit which identified and explored the nature of personal security problems affecting taxi and PHV drivers and what measures would improve their actual and perceived security. The research, undertaken nationwide, included interviews with drivers, national driver associations and unions, licensing authorities, the police, and community safety managers.

All licensed taxi and PHV drivers in London are advised to take note of the advice to help maintain their personal safety.

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