



# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 About Trucks and Child Safety (TACS)

Trucks and Child Safety (TACS) is a national safety training programme run by the DHL UK Foundation and employees of DHL. It is delivered free of charge and aims to teach children aged between 7 and 11 to be safe on the road by creating a greater awareness of large vehicles and their associated dangers.

Taking trucks into schools, TACS demonstrators work in pairs to teach children about the dangers of trucks and road safety. Volunteers receive a day's training from the DHL UK Foundation and undergo a Disclosure & Barring Service Check before becoming a TACS demonstrator.

- TACS demonstrators show exactly what a driver can and cannot see in the mirrors
- Children are made aware of the truck dimensions and fittings
- Children are educated as to the noise the engine makes
- The vehicle's blind spots are indicated
- TACS demonstrators show difficult it is for a driver to hear a child shouting whilst inside the cab
- The distance required on the nearside when the vehicle is turning left at a road junction is demonstrated
- Children learn how to walk safely around the vehicle and stand on the pavement
- Children learn what they should do if a football runs under the truck

TACS demonstrators identify local schools where demonstrations may take place, liaise with external agencies where possible e.g. local police and road safety officers and agree to deliver a minimum of three TACS demonstration per year.

## 1.2 About this document

This document provides guidance for TACS demonstrators so the TACS programme is delivered:

- To comply with Health & Safety requirements
- Effectively
- Consistently

As well as the content of a TACS demonstration the guidelines cover the necessary steps to prepare for the demonstration as well as follow-up which are vital parts of the programme.

**The guidelines must be followed by demonstrators at all times.**