

# Practical TACS Demonstration



TRUCKS AND CHILD SAFETY  
KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE AROUND TRUCKS

# INTRODUCTION (SECTION 3.2)



- Greet the children
- Introduce yourselves
- Explain what the TACS demonstration is about
- Ask the children what comes by truck
- Use your own ideas to engage the children
- Don't forget you can use your demonstrators cards as a memory jogger

# REAR VISION (SECTION 3.3)



- A pupil and / or teacher gets into the cab
- Driver is either in the cab or outside the drivers door
- Rest of class goes to stand in lines behind the vehicle
- Demonstrates:
  - The children should not be near the rear of the lorry
  - Drivers have a limited field of vision when reversing.
  - Some vehicles have a reversing bleeper fitted to warn people

# VEHICLE NOISE (SECTION 3.4)



- 1 or 2 child volunteers go into the cab with demonstrator (assisted by teacher or assistant) **REMEMBER 3 POINTS OF CONTACT**
- Engine, heaters and radio are switched on and windows are up.
- At back of truck, class shout 'stop' as loud as they can.
- Child volunteers in cab cannot hear classmates shout.

# SIDE VISION (SECTION 3.5)

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- Child volunteer rides a bike along left kerbside of lorry
- Highlights blind spots to children
- Remember to cover all additional mirrors and blind spot mirrors

# TURNING LEFT (SECTION 3.6)

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- A Cone replaces bike and lorry demonstrates left hand turn and crushes cone
- Why cyclists should avoid gap between lorry and kerbs even at junctions

# FORWARD VISION (SECTION 3.7)



- Teacher gets into cab
- Teacher sits in cab and entire class go immediately in front of the lorry
- Child walks forward until teacher can see their feet.
- Show children the area where they cannot be seen is the "DANGER ZONE"
- Shows how far in front of a lorry you must be before a driver can see you
- Remember to cover all additional mirrors and blind spot mirrors



# FINISHING THE DEMONSTRATION



- Ask the children questions about what they have learned
- Clip on reflectors, pencils and rulers given out



# FEEDBACK QUESTIONNAIRE

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- Hand out feedback questionnaire to class teachers / group leaders on the day
- Remember to collect at least one completed forms before you leave the school !