

Trailer Handling

At a glance...

Training (with Assessment)

Duration Notes: The expected duration for the course is one day, however please note this may vary according to factors such as level of experience, modules or attachments selected, or the ratio of instructors to learners.

Prerequisites: Current driving licence.

Introduction

Learn to handle trailers expertly – for work or leisure with our dedicated course.

Overview in brief

Trailers are used extensively both in and outside work.

You might be transporting a vital piece of agricultural equipment or simply hitching a car to a caravan.

Whatever your needs, handling a trailer requires a high level of skill.

Our course will teach you that skill.

The finer details

You'll learn through a mix of theory and practical sessions.

We'll get you up to speed with a look at the key legal issues when using trailers.

You'll also be guided through the common causes of accidents and all the safety checks that can help prevent them.

The practical side to the course involves a full rundown of coupling and uncoupling procedures.





You'll be taught how to load and unload.

Reversing and performing tight turns with trailers will also be covered.

Course sessions:

- Introduction
- Legal requirements
- Causes of accidents
- Equipment introduction/safety checks
- Couple/uncouple procedures
- Hitches and towing combinations
- Nose weight measurement
- Loading/unloading criteria
- Manoeuvring the equipment
- Course paperwork/feedback.

Worth noting: You'll need to hold the appropriate current driving licence – which you must be able to show on the day - to be eligible for this course.

Who should attend?

Useful for all licence holders who need to use a trailer.

What will be covered?

By the end of the course, you'll be able to:

- Understand the legal requirements when handling trailers
- Carry out equipment safety checks
- Understand the main causes of accidents and what can be done to avoid them
- Identify the key components of a trailer
- Understand the functions of the key components of a trailer
- Couple/uncouple the trailer from a vehicle
- Reverse the vehicle and trailer (unit) to the left and right
- Complete tight forward turns to the left and right
- Practise a controlled braking exercise from 20mph (32km/h)
- Understand loading/unloading criteria
- Measure the nose weight of a trailer.

Other areas of interest



- Trailer Towing: On and Off Road
- Trailer B+E Test Preparation.

