



St. Helens Council

FAO All Licensed Drivers, Proprietors, Operators and Base Staff

Licensing and Land Charges

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Dear Licence Holders

Mandatory Safeguarding Training

On Wednesday 25 April 2018 at the Licensing and Environmental Protection Committee, members unanimously agreed to introduce mandatory safeguarding training for the following groups;

- Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Drivers
- Vehicle Proprietors
- Operators
- Operators Base Staff

As you may be aware, some of our existing driver pool completed a similar course organised by the Licensing Authority back in 2015. The course was on a voluntary attendance basis and subsequently less than 5% of the driver pool attended. Those who did attend received a certificate and will **not have to complete this new training course**. This was entered onto your record at the time of your attendance.

You will be aware of the publicity surrounding recent high profile cases of Child Sexual Exploitation and the members of the committee are keen to ensure that all those licensed in St. Helens have undergone a training awareness session in this important area. The course aims to help you identify those who may be at risk. The Committee have set a deadline of 18-24 months to ensure the existing pool undergo this training. As this is mandatory, should those who do not complete the training within this timeframe, action may be considered against your existing licence.

The course is expected to last for a maximum of 1 1/2 hours and all the courses will take place at **Chain Lane Community Centre, Chain Lane, St Helens, WA11 9RA**. There is ample free car parking at this site.

The first available dates for the course are;

Friday 22 June 2018	Start: 10:30am	Finish (approx): 11:45am
Friday 22 June 2018	Start: 13:30pm	Finish (approx): 14:45pm
Friday 22 June 2018	Start: 15:00pm	Finish (approx): 16:15pm

Friday 29 June 2018	Start: 10:30am	Finish (approx): 11:45am
Friday 29 June 2018	Start: 13:30pm	Finish (approx): 14:45pm
Friday 29 June 2018	Start: 15:00pm	Finish (approx): 16:15pm

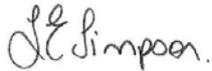
Friday 20 July 2018	Start: 10:30am	Finish (approx): 11:45am
Friday 20 July 2018	Start: 13:30pm	Finish (approx): 14:45pm
Friday 20 July 2018	Start: 15:00pm	Finish (approx): 16:15pm

There is a maximum of 30 places available on each course.

The course consists of a presentation, a short video and some group scenarios, there is **no formal test**. Participants, who will need to remain for the full session, will be given a certificate at the end of the training which will be recorded onto your licensing records.

The courses will start in June and to book onto one of these sessions, please email your choice of date and time to taxilicensing@sthelens.gov.uk, you will receive a confirmation email of your booking. Should you be unable to attend for any reason you should notify us a minimum of 24 hrs in advance. You will only be permitted to have a maximum of 2 cancellations. You will be required to bring ID with you which contains your name and address.

Yours sincerely



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