



Customer Testimonial

How North East Lincolnshire Council use Drivelock to Keep Their Fleet Safe, Secure & Compliant

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The waste industry has gained a reputation as one of the most lethal industries to work in. At it's peak the accident rate reached almost five times the national average, with fatalities a staggering 10 times the average. WISH (Waste Industry Safety & Health Forum) and the HSE have demonstrated a commitment to driving these figures down over the course of the last few years, however, leading industry commentators point to the fact that there is still much improvement to be made in order to reach acceptable levels.

'Good Practice Guidance,' produced by WISH & the HSE calls for a greater emphasis on Safe Working Practices, encouraging operators to identify potential risks and put in place reasonable preventative measures. One such area of concern is that of unattended vehicles;

Preventing Unauthorised Movement

With drivers constantly in and out of vehicles throughout the day it is commonplace for cab areas to be left unattended, with the engine running and keys in the ignition. Not only does this leave a vehicle in a dangerous condition it contravenes the Road Regulations Act 1988 and makes the vehicle vulnerable to unauthorised movement or theft.

Maple Fleet Services have worked closely with a number industry professionals to alleviate this threat from their daily operations, with the installation of Drivelock. Drivelock is an intelligent driver recognition system that ensures the safe and secure operation of your vehicles at all times. If a member of the public or even an un-authorized employee attempts to move the vehicle, as soon as the parkbrake is released the vehicle will instantly immobilise. North East Lincolnshire Council were one of the early adopters of the Drivelock technology.



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Given the current climate and economic conditions, an extra team member is not always a realistic option to ensure a driver is always at the wheel, Drivelock provides a ready-made solution at just a fraction of the cost.

Unlike some systems Drivelock does not require any additional driver input, there are no keys to remove, pin-codes to enter or buttons to be pressed. In operation the driver and collection crew simply continue with their daily operations in the usual manner.

“Maple recommended that we trial Drivelock, to prove to us that service efficiency would not be compromised and the vehicle would only be immobilised when required. The trial was so successful that we now specify the system on all of our refuse vehicles,” added Chris Dunn.

Having worked closely with key industry partners, Maple Fleet Services has also been able to provide specific modifications, to tailor Drivelock for the waste industry. To assist with multi-site operations, where drivers may be assigned to different vehicles on a regular basis, Maple have introduced a flexible driver-log on system. At the beginning of each shift a driver simply log's on to a vehicle, ensuring only that he or she is authorised to operate that vehicle, thus providing greater operational flexibility without compromising health & safety obligations.

For further information or to arrange a demonstration contact Maple Fleet Services direct on 0161 429 1580.

