



Van Driver Training - Group Workshop

Give your drivers an all-important skills boost with this group workshop, helping them to avoid costly bumps and scrapes.

How good are your van drivers when they're in a tight spot?

A 3.5-tonne van can be driven on a standard Category B car licence, despite being much larger and having vastly different driving characteristics. Having a licence isn't enough. Do your drivers have the necessary experience and understanding of how to manoeuvre a large van safely? Are you confident that they know how to avoid getting into situations where they risk causing damage to their van, to other vehicles or property, or to the people around them?

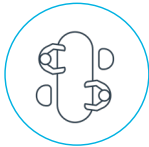
Our practical group workshop provides drivers with support in developing the right skills, enabling even inexperienced van drivers to manoeuvre with greater confidence and safety.

Format	In-person group workshop
Duration	Half-day (3.5 hours)
Participants	Up to 10

Course structure & outcomes

Our trainer will come to you at your business premises to deliver your van driver group workshop. After an initial classroom briefing session, your drivers will undertake a series of practical exercises under the guidance of the trainer, in the type of vehicle that they will be driving for work.

You'll need to provide:



A meeting room or area to hold the classroom session.



A car park or yard suitable for carrying out manoeuvres.



One or more vans for your delegates to use.

Exercises include a low-speed slalom course, reverse bay parking and parallel parking. Your drivers will need to demonstrate awareness of the dimensions of their vehicle, and use enhanced observation techniques to identify the safest approach to each manoeuvre.

The course will address areas including:

- The risks associated with parking or driving in confined spaces
- Understanding the importance of driver fitness
- Carrying out basic vehicle risk assessments
- Demonstrating manoeuvring – focusing on accuracy over speed
- Considering other road users and the security of the vehicle

Low-speed damage is arguably the most common source of costs for van operators.

Studies have shown that well over half of all leased vans are subject to end-of-lease damage charges, averaging nearly **£600 per vehicle***, 60% higher than the average charge for cars.

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About IAM RoadSmart

We're proud to be the UK's leading independent road safety charity, with a thriving community of volunteers and professional instructors, all working towards our common goal: protecting people from harm by improving driving standards.

As a high-risk category of road user, business drivers can benefit greatly from the skills development that our courses provide. Driver training boosts safety and improves confidence. It helps reduce the stress that comes with business driving, resulting in a happier and more productive workforce.

Every year, we work with thousands of motorists and company drivers, of any age and ability. With the expert guidance of a professional IAM RoadSmart Trainer, drivers will develop the skills, experience and understanding that will help them get the most out of their vehicle.

