



Social Affairs and Inclusion

# E-guide: good practices for workrelated vehicle risks.

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# Why do we need action?

- Vehicle-related accidents account for 29 % of all fatal occupational accidents!
- "Loss of control of a vehicle" is the number one major cause of accidents
- so whether you're a worker, an employer or a safety and health expert, you need to understand and control the hazard.





# Why do we need action?

- First cause of fatal accident at work
- Main types:
  - 42% light vehicles
  - 28% HGV
  - 6% 2 or 3 wheelers
- Problem for young workers
  - 13% of all fatal accidents for <25 years involved 2 or 3 wheels
  - Overall 8% fatal accidents at work in age range 18-24 years.





# Introduction to the VeSafe project

- The <u>VeSafe e-guide</u> is an interactive one-stop shop for information on vehicle-related risks at work. It covers:
  - safe driving
  - workplace transport and
  - working on or near a road.
- A joint effort by **EU-OSHA** and the **European Commission**,
- the guide includes many examples of good practice and an overview of relevant regulations.
- What's more, it's free and easy to use, and you can filter the information by rick or vehicle type.



# **VeSafe Project Consortium**





Norwegian Centre for Transport Research













# Who manages VESAFE?

- This e-guide is hosted by the <u>European Agency</u> for Safety and Health at Work
- Editorial content is maintained by <u>DG EMPL</u>.











# Introduction to the E-guide

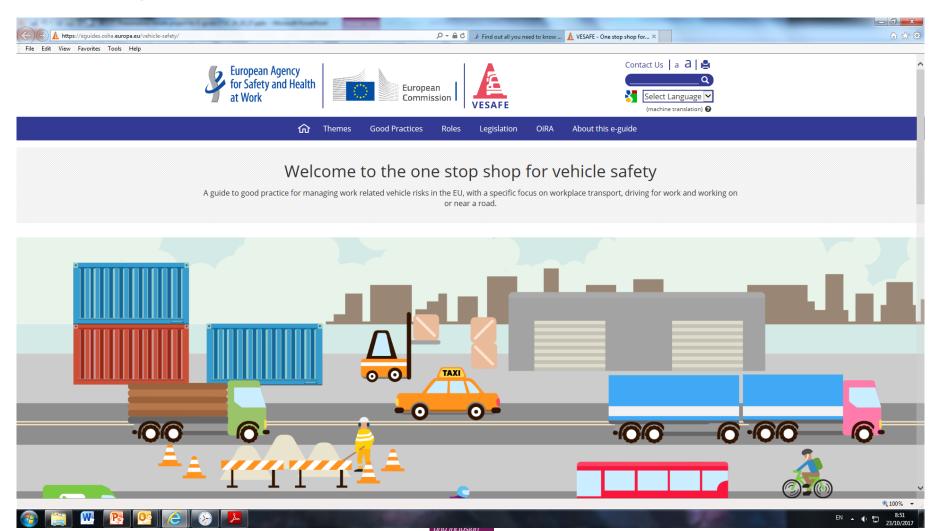
- The interface
- Key articles
- Good practices
- Database & Search engine
- Demo





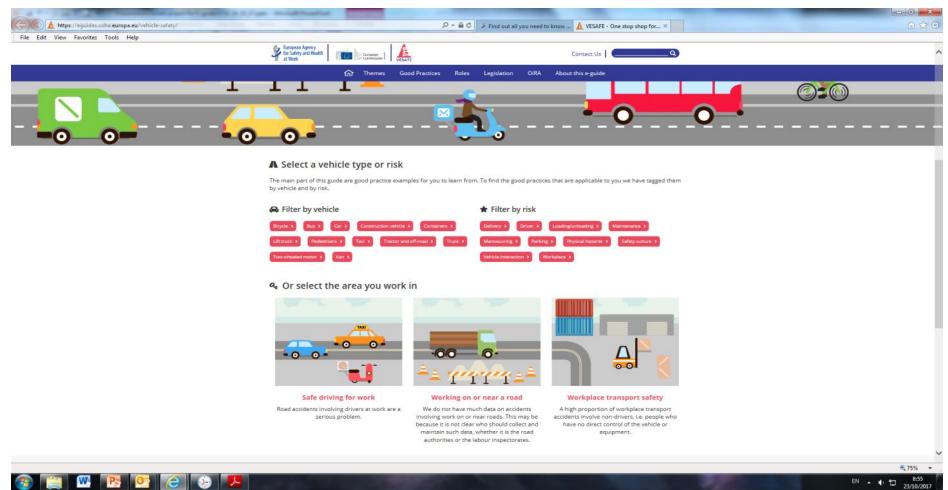


## Welcome screen





# **E-guide – Searching**



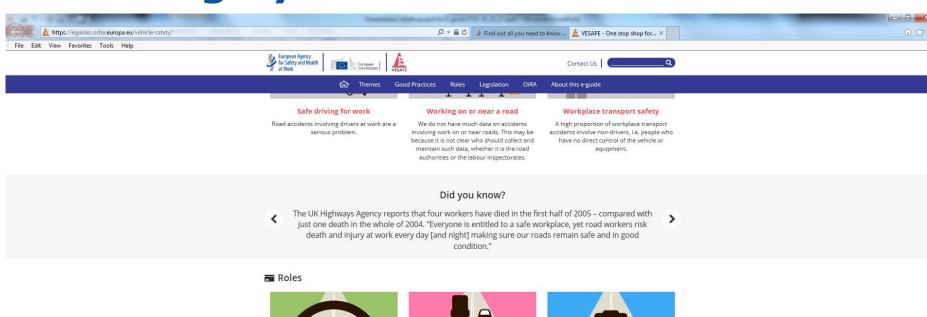


Means of transport	Risk types
Bicycle	Delivery
Bus	Driver
Car	(Un)loading
Construction vehicle	Manoeuvring
Containers	Maintenance
Lift truck	Parking
Pedestrians	Physical hazards
Taxi	Safety culture
Tractor and off-road	Vehicle interaction
Truck	Workplace
Two-wheeled motor	
Van	





# Searching by role.





#### Hello worker

Do you drive, work with on, or around vehicles? This guide can give you practical solutions on how to do that safely. Search the good practices by vehicle or activity type.

More on roles



#### Hello employer

Are you managing or controlling vehicle related risks to your workers effectively? This guide gives you good examples on how to act on vehicle related risks, to create a safer work place for your workers.

More on roles



#### Hello safety expert

Do you want an overview of the legal requirements, key risks(management) and effective good practices relating to work related vehicle use in the workplace and on the road? This guide will be your starting point to understand how work related vehicle risks should be managed to prevent injury.

More on roles



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# **Key articles**

- Based on EU directives, key literature, available expertise
- 3 Domains

Work Related Vehicle Safety Workplace transport safety

Work Related Road Safety Working on or near the road

Driving for work





# **Key articles**

Each key article presents:

- Domain context
- Relevant issues/risks
- Regulations particular to that domain
- Strategies to define & implement measures
  - → reduce and control WRVR





# **Good practices**

# identification

- Good Practices (GPs) throughout Europe
- Sources:
  - employers' & employees' associations,
  - research institutes,
  - EU-OSHA,
  - inspectorates,
  - insurance companies,
  - non-governmental experts
  - EC OSH Advisory Committee Working Party
  - Well-defined internet searches
  - Earlier projects of consortium partners





# **Good practices – Selection criteria**

- Relevant occupational risks covered
- Can be included in employers' prevention policy
- No expert knowledge / special instruments needed
- Strong involvement of workers (& representatives)
- Proven safety effect
- Visual presentation of material, if possible
- Spread around Europe





# **Good practices**

101 GPs have been rewritten for full presentation in the E-guide: general description and fact sheets

## Fact sheet:

- Plain English (this facilitates auto-translation)
- Aim of the good practice
- Target group
- Risk types (connection to OiRA)
- Link to source website (if available)

**Other GPs**: included as hyperlinks to external content





# Searching and database

<u>Searching</u>: Good Practices are tagged to enable fast searching:

- Select a means of transport or risk type, or
- Through one domain in the key article, or
- Free text search

## **Database:**

- Easy to navigate in and understand
- Google Translate functionality for each page
- Easy maintenance & uploading





# **E-guide – Testing**

- 3 member states for testing: ES, DE, NL
- Diverse companies: passenger transport, delivery, heavy goods, ....
- Companies approached through unions, employee and worker representatives, EU OSHA survey panel, ETSC, etc

## Feedback

- Positive responses (majority)
- Intuitive and encouraging to use
- 'Look-and-feel' and structure are good
- Content is considered relevant, especially GPs
- 34% improved attitude toward safe behaviour
- 71% would recommend the site





# E-guide - where to find it

Welcome to the one stop shop for vehicle safety

A guide to good practice to reduce work related vehicle risks in the EU.



### Good practice

The guide contains good practices, many of them with fact sheets, and others included as hyperlinks. They are categorized by means and by risk type, but you can also do a free text search.

All good practices

## Select a means type or risk

The main part of this guide are good practice examples for you to learn from. To

## Key articles

This guide also contains three key articles that give a deep insight into safety issues in three domains: working on or near a road, workplace transport safety and safe driving for work.

All key articles

## Translation

Each page in this e-guide can automatically be translated into other languages through the Google Translate functionality on top of the page.

## Sort by means



## Sort by risk



https://equides.osha.europa.eu/vehicle-safety/themes





# Advantages of an e guide

- Instant availability of risk management solutions
   24 hours
- Simple accessible language [SME's]
- Automatic translation into many languages (also non-EU), this will improve over time
- E-guide structure allows for continuous updating and development
- Connect E-guide database with the OiRA risk evaluation tool





# **Conclusions of the VeSafe project**

E-guide on work-related vehicle risks is an attractive resource of practical knowledge for drivers, employers and safety experts

- Relevant and practical information freely available for all (particularly SMEs) throughout Europe
- Provides easy-to-implement Good Practices, which offers specific solutions for everyone





# Challenges for the future

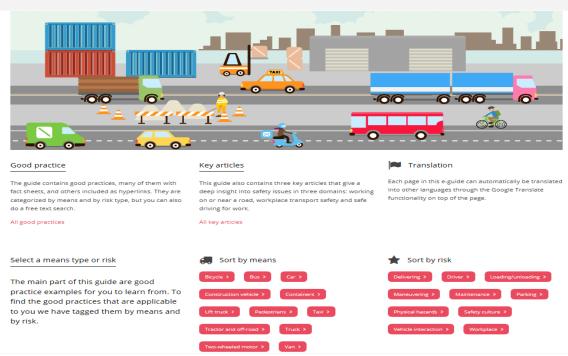
- Awareness: How to let people know it exists
- Promotion: Communicate to stakeholders (e.g. SMEs, employers, workers)
- **Updating**: Keep E-guide up-to-date with new state-of-the-art information and Good Practices ...
- Relevance: Keep information relevant and easy to find for the end-user
- Feedback: Give users the opportunity for online feedback





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# We are always looking for new good practices

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