

DRIVING NEAR DOCK EDGES

INTRODUCTION

As a working port, there are numerous unprotected quay and lock edges around the dock estate. As it is impractical to fence off these areas, it is important that you are aware of the risks, and understand the steps you can take to reduce the likelihood of driving off an unprotected edge. This guide will provide you with sufficient information to keep you safe as you move around the Estate.

DRIVING AROUND THE PORT ESTATE

There are sufficient arterial roads around the Estate that allow you to drive around the port without needing to drive along quay edges. These roads should be used at all times, unless your work task specifically requires you to drive along a quay.

You should not pass through gates, barriers or junctions with prohibition signage unless authorised to do so.

DRIVING ALONG QUAY EDGES

If your work task requires you to drive along a quay edge, the following rules must be observed:

1. Always give way to Operational Traffic.
2. Drive as far away from the quay edge as you can. You should never drive within 10m of a quay edge if space permits, and there is no need for you to be closer to carry out your work task.
3. All one-way traffic routes in areas of restricted access must be obeyed to eradicate the need for vehicles to pass each other in these areas.
4. You should only reverse in appointed turning places, and reverse AWAY from the quay edge.
5. If you do need to reverse on a narrow part of a berth with no turning place, you must only do so with the assistance of a banksman.

If your work task requires you to park close to a quay edge you should park parallel to the edge, and ensure your handbrake is fully engaged.

EMERGENCY ACTIONS

If you and your car do end up in the dock, being familiar with the emergency actions below will help improve your chances of survival.

- Stay calm & Act quickly
- Do not attempt to open the door
- Undo or cut your seatbelt
- Open a window, or smash it through if it will not open
- Escape through the window
- Swim to safety & Seek help