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Installing Temporary Protective Screens in Taxis

Hyndburn Borough council are working with taxi drivers and operators to ensure that as many of the trade who want to carry on working through the Coronavirus Pandemic can do so in as safe an environment as possible. We have therefore agreed to allow the installation of temporary protective screens in private hire and hackney carriage vehicles.

You must tell us if you are installing a temporary protective screen

Get confirmation from your insurance company that the insurance will still be valid if you fit a protective screen

Tell us that you are planning to fit a protective screen by emailing licensing@hyndburnbc.gov.uk, and include

- Confirmation from your insurance company that you will still be covered if you fit a protective screen
- Confirmation that you will remove the protective screen from your vehicle with 21 days of the current social distancing restrictions relating to Covid 19 being lifted.

Installing your Temporary Screens - what you must do

While you are allowed to install a temporary protective screen in your car (between the driver compartment and the rear passenger compartment) the screen must:

- not permanently installed in the vehicle
- not have a solid frame to the screen
- only be fitted with either Velcro or adhesive fastenings (which can be removed from the vehicle when the screens are no longer allowed.)
- be fitted in such a way that they do not interfere with the structural integrity of the vehicle or any manufacturers safety features such as air bags.
- not wrap around between the driver's seat and the front passenger seat
- not interfere with any passengers access or egress or cause any sort of trip hazard.

The screen must be clear and transparent and can only be fitted behind both front seats between the driver compartment and the passenger compartment. The material used must be inflammable.

If any vehicle is spot checked at any time and the screen has been fitted in a sub-standard manner or with sub-standard material the driver will be asked to remove the screen immediately.

