

trucks & child safety

FAQs

1. What are the aims of programme?

Trucks and Child Safety (TACS) is a national safety training programme run by the DHL UK Foundation and employees of DHL. It is delivered free of charge and aims to teach children aged between 7 and 11 to be safe on the road by creating a greater awareness of larger vehicles and their associated dangers.

2. What is covered in a TACS demonstration?

Taking trucks into schools, TACS demonstrators teach children about the dangers of trucks and road safety. The demonstrations are delivered by two volunteers and include:

- What exactly the driver can or cannot see in the mirrors
- Children become aware of the truck dimensions.
- Just how loud is the engine?
- What and where are the vehicle's blind spots?
- How difficult it is for a driver whilst inside the cab to hear a child shouting?
- What distance is needed on the nearside when a vehicle is turning left at a junction?
- Children learn how to walk safely around the vehicle and where to stand on the pavement.
- What should you do if a football runs under a truck?

3. What is involved in being a demonstrator?

Applicants undergo a CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) police check in order to comply with legislation designed to protect children and vulnerable adults.

3. Continued

Each volunteer must attend a one-day training course delivered by the DHL UK Foundation (free of charge), to provide volunteers with guidance and support to carry out their role as a demonstrator. Volunteers should deliver a minimum of three TACS demonstration days per year.

Demonstrators identify local schools to visit and liaise with external agencies where possible e.g. Road Safety Officers.

Demonstrators also agree that as a representative of DHL they will behave in a professional manner in line with the code of conduct at all times (fair, polite, sensitive to cultural and social diversity).

4. How does a school arrange for a visit?

If a school would like a TACS visit, they can either contact their local demonstrator direct or call the DHL UK Foundation helpline on 01285 841 914.

5. How do I become a TACS demonstrator?

- Fill out the application form, including signatures from your Site and Line Managers. Ask for permission from your Line Manager to attend TACS training (1 day) and spend a minimum of three days per year delivering TACS demonstrations.
- Confirm with the person responsible that a suitable vehicle and trailer (artic) will be released for you to use.

5. Continued

- Identify a TACS partner to work with. This might be a colleague who is already TACS trained or someone who can do the training with you. One of you must hold a HGV licence so the vehicle can be driven to the school or other location.
- Your completed form should be returned to the address at the top of the application form.

6. How do I apply for a CRB check?

- Once you have sign off from your Line and Site Managers, you should apply for a CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) police check. Please read the CRB publication DIP017 *Applicant's Guide to the CRB's Disclosure Service* for more information. If you do not have a copy please contact the DHL UK Foundation helpline on 01285 841 914 or email dhlukfoundation@thetrustpartnership.com.
- Please contact Cataphract (the company which will carry out your CRB check) on 0208 446 4695 or visit www.crbcheck.info. When asked for your employer's Cataphract Registration Number please quote 100258 and request a Standard CRB Disclosure. As part of the CRB process there is a £5 charge which can be claimed back via your line manager.

7. What about publicity?

Any opportunity for publicising TACS helps spread the word about road safety. If you want to publicise your activities in DHL newsletters or contact local papers, please contact your marketing or communications department. The Foundation will be able to help too and we would love to know what you are doing, so please call the helpline or send copies of any publicity to Nicky Donovan, DHL UK Foundation, Ocean House, The Ring, Bracknell, RG12 1AN.

8. What other activities are currently being undertaken in the community by DHL employees?

There is a lot of excellent work being undertaken with schools and other charities or voluntary sector organisations, for example through Match It!, where employees can apply for matched funding for their volunteering or fundraising efforts. Please call our helpline on **01285 841 914** or email dhlukfoundation@thetrustpartnership.com or check out COIN or the website (www.dhlukfoundation.org) for more information.

If you require advice or guidance please call the DHL UK Foundation helpline on **01285 841 914** or email dhlukfoundation@thetrustpartnership.com

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