

## Delivering to FARMS.

Delivering fuel oil to a farm introduces additional risks not normally encountered in routine domestic and commercial deliveries. By being aware of these, and working in co-operation with the farmer to eliminate or minimise them, it should be possible to reduce the incidence of accidents and spillages associated with farm deliveries. The following chart provides suggested actions for the delivery driver and proposed recommendations to the farmer to address some of the known risks encountered when delivering fuel oil to farm premises



<u>HAZARD</u>	<u>RISK</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION TO FARMS</u>	<u>TANKER DRIVER ACTIONS</u>
<b>Arrival</b>	No-one available to accept delivery	Pre-arrange the delivery time and/or a contact signal on arrival	
	Closed gates adjoining the road	Recess gates to allow tanker to pull off the road	Park tanker safely without obstructing the highway
	Locating the tank	Provide clear directions, with a map if the route is complicated	Ask for directions before moving on

<b>Negotiating the site</b>	Blind corners	Provide fixed mirrors	Sound the horn and proceed cautiously
	Overhead power lines &/or pipework	Mark distinctively and advise headroom	Be alert and ensure that the vehicle's height is known accurately
	Overgrown vegetation &/or overhanging branches	Cut back verges, bushes and trees	Proceed cautiously
	Parked or manoeuvring farm vehicles	Park vehicles away from access routes	Be alert and proceed cautiously. Wear high-visibility clothing when out of the cab
	Uneven ground, rutted tracks, etc. Hidden dangers, e.g. soft ground, unfenced slurry pits	Maintain roadway surfaces. Fence in &/or mark dangers conspicuously	Seek operator's advice, be alert and proceed cautiously
	Reversing	Assist if necessary, ensure children, animals and/or workers cannot pass behind the reversing vehicle	Proceed cautiously using all available aids, i.e. bleeper/horn, mirrors, banksman, CCTV, etc
	Unsupervised children and/or animals	Restrict the movements of children and animals during a delivery	Be alert and proceed cautiously

<b>Oil storage facility</b>	Tanks not identified clearly	Label each tank clearly with fuel grade and capacity	Confirm correct tank before proceeding
	Tank leaking	Replace or repair tank	DO NOT DELIVER
	Tank in poor condition	Remedy identified defects	Fill only to a safe level or not at all. Report defects to site operator and to depot manager
	Tank inadequately supported	Improve supporting structure to prevent lateral movement &/or collapse (considering mass of tank + fuel)	
	No spillage catchment	Provide "drip" tray or a bund. (Regulations may apply)	Report deficiency to site operator and to depot manager
	Fill point access difficult or above 2 metres	Consider providing a low-level or remote fill point (and gauge) or install secure aids to assist with safe access	Use only well-secured, safe and appropriate means of access, do not climb or balance on nearby structures
	Access involves ladder or climbing	Check access aids regularly and maintain them in serviceable condition	Ensure the ladder or climbing aid provided is in good condition, well supported and does not involve over-reaching
	Oil level not clearly indicated	Maintain existing contents gauge in working order or fit reliable remote gauge	Fill only to a safe level. Report deficiency to site operator and to depot manager.

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