



SAFETY ALERT

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Driving whilst wearing your Neck Lanyard

What Happened:

There have been a couple of serious traffic accidents in other companies where the wearing of identity lanyards around the drivers' necks has exacerbated the severity of the injuries sustained.

The driver was involved in a minor car accident and was wearing their company lanyard and pass. The car airbag was deployed on impact and the force of the airbag caused the lanyard and pass to be pushed into the driver's chest, causing a lung to collapse and requiring hospital treatment.

Had the person not been wearing their lanyard and pass at the time, they would have most likely walked away relatively unscathed.



In another accident, an NHS worker stored a lot of keys on her lanyard for medicine cabinets, lockers etc. She got into her car and was driving home, but did not remove her lanyard. Unfortunately she also had a crash that triggered the airbag.

The force of the airbag caused the keys to perforate her bowel with potentially life changing consequences. She was in hospital for over 6 weeks and has been off work for over 6 months.



**DO NOT WEAR LANYARDS OR SIMILAR OBJECTS
WHEN TRAVELLING IN A VEHICLE**

Nothing is so important that we cannot take the time to do it safely