



Statement on cyclist safety

Southwark Metals is a 40-year-old, family run business. For 40 years, our business has been one of the leading scrap metal dealers in London.

Throughout our history, we have maintained an impeccable record in terms of compliance and safety, and we are proud members of the Fleet Operators Recognition Scheme, Logistics UK (formerly the Freight Transport Association) and the British Metals Recycling Association.

In those 40 years, London's roads have changed. Compared to the 1980s there are more bicycles on our roads and there is more cycling infrastructure being built across the city. As London's has changed, so have we, and the safety of both our drivers and the cyclists that share the roads has become an integral part of our day-to-day activity.

As a business, our top priority is to ensure the safety of those who work for us, and those who come into contact with us, whether it be at one of our sites, or out on the road.

To that effect, we have adopted the following policies and procedures, under guidance from FORS, to deliver on that priority:

1. Banksman operate at the entrances of our sites to ensure smooth access and egress for all vehicles
2. Signage is placed at the entrances of our sites, design to raise awareness of safety for our drivers and passing cyclists
3. We install sleeping policeman in our sites designed to heighten driver awareness when entering and exiting our sites
4. Our drivers undertake cycle awareness training on an annual basis, including "on-the-bike" training
5. Continual adoption of new technology to improve cycle safety, including a recent £150,000 investment into 360-degree camera technology for vehicles, audio visual recording equipment, sideguards and alarm systems for when a vehicle is reversing, or turning left
6. Installation of doors in the cabins of vehicles that have more glass to provide better views for drivers
7. Our vehicles are audited by FORS to ensure they comply with the most up to date regulation.

We are consistently striving to improve our measures. At our temporary site at 158 Trundleys Road we have already undertaken the measures above, and we are currently reviewing how to enhance them.

An upgrade of our advanced warning system at Trundleys Road has taken place which will ensure all vehicles, cyclists, pedestrians, e-scooter users, and others on the road are aware of all movements in and out, as well as around our site. This may include the installation of vehicle and cycle activated signage that will ensure drivers and cyclists are aware of the speed they are travelling at and can respond accordingly.

In addition, we will be organising an "Exchanging Places" event for cyclists at our 158 Trundleys Road site, at a time when Government restrictions allow for it.