

Task/Operation:	OFF ROAD DRIVING		
Group(s) affected:	OFF ROAD DRIVERS		
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Reviews			
Next Review Required	Date actually reviewed	Changes Required? (Yes/No)	Assessor Signature
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Hazard	Resultant effect(s)	Before control			State control measures and person responsible to action each one	After control		
		L	S	R		L	S	R
Operators and Users on Derbyshire Countryside Service tracks and trails	Death, Injury, Damage to vehicle	2	3	6	Slow speed (<15mph) on tracks and trails. Hazards flashers on in addition to other visual warnings if fitted. Care when reversing consider using 'spotter' if required. Give way to ALL traffic – horses/pedestrians etc.	1	3	3
Inexperienced/Unqualified driver	Loss of control of vehicle, Death, Injury to driver/passengers/3 rd party, Damage to vehicle	3	3	9	Only qualified/trained drivers to use Derbyshire Countryside Service vehicles 'Off-Road'.	1	3	3

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Terrain/Ruts/Slopes	Loss of control of vehicle. Death, Injury to driver/passenger/3 rd party, Damage to vehicle, Getting stuck, Rolling of vehicle	3	3	9	Driver training and experience. Site assessment to be undertaken prior to journey (observation, planning and manoeuvre). Vehicle and tyre type checks prior to setting out. Trained driver to know limits of vehicle being used i.e. slopes – cross driving or accent/decent. Seat belts to be worn by driver and passenger. Passengers to be in forward facing seats ONLY. Tools/equipment to be securely stored preferably separate from passenger compartment.	1	3	3
Weather – Wind, Rain, Snow, Ice	Difficult driving and ground conditions. Increased likelihood of loss of control of vehicle etc.	2	3	6	Check forecast. Assess site before going 'off road' Trained driver's decision is final. Continual monitoring of weather conditions during task.	1	3	3
Trailer – Towing 'Off Road'	Loss of control of vehicle/trailer, Damage to vehicle/trailer, Trailer breakaway/jack-knife/Injury to driver/passengers/3 rd party	3	2	6	Trained driver (off road and trailer). Assess access for vehicle with trailer. If required 'banks person' to assist with difficult/tight manoeuvres to ensure no damage to vehicle or trailer. Trailer not to be used if terrain or environmental (wet, snow, ice, mud etc.) do not allow – use pick-up type vehicle.	1	3	3