

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT
OFFICERS.**

MODEL STANDARD

FOR

TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING

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** A fire extinguisher should be carried in the vehicle to allow drivers to extinguish small fires.

** The extinguisher should not be located in the passenger compartment where it may cause injury or roll under the pedals, but kept secure in the boot of the vehicle.

** To extinguish fires most commonly encountered in vehicles, the extinguisher should be either a one kilogram dry powder, or a one litre AFFF, both types should have gauges to show the state of charge, and should be manufactured to satisfy relevant BSEN accreditation.

FIRST AID KIT

** As part of Health and Safety at Work legislation, a first aid kit should be carried in the vehicle to enable the driver to administer basic first aid to himself only.

SPARE WHEEL

** A spare wheel should be carried in the vehicle in the allocated place.

** This should not be of the space saver type due to the speed and distance limits imposed on this type of emergency wheel.

** The spare wheel must be of the same construction and size as the road wheels.

PASSENGER SEATING

** A vehicle can only be licensed to carry up to a maximum of eight passengers. Any licence issued relates to a number of persons to be carried regardless of weight, age, or size, and to exceed that number is an offence. Remember, babies and young children are persons for the purposes of this licence.

** Some purpose built vehicles can carry up to eight passengers including those seated in wheelchairs. In this case each seat, and person seated in a wheelchair, count in respect of seating capacity.

** All seats should be secure and of a size to ensure passenger comfort and safety. Each seat must be fitted with an approved seat belt.

** If a vehicle is manufactured to carry more than eight, and under sixteen, passengers, it should not be licensed unless the presenter can supply documentation to show that the conversion to an eight seat vehicle, including any wheelchair provision, has not compromised the 'vehicle type approval'.

** Any vehicle not originally designed for the carriage of passengers should not be licensed unless it has been certified to 'Small Volume Vehicle' testing standards.

** Passengers need to be able to enter and exit in safety. So as not to impede access, no seat should need to be moved or tilted for this to occur.