

Van dimensions

It's important to know the height and length of the van so you can judge the space required to manoeuvre.

Laundry van: 2.4m high x 5.3m long. Shower & hybrid vans: 2.8m high x 5.6m long.

Spotter

A spotter is a person outside the van who is responsible for directing the driver while they are reversing the van. A spotter must be used when reversing an OS van when arriving or leaving a shift. The spotter must:

- Use clear and obvious hand signals at all times (see recommended signals below).
- Discuss signals with the driver before reversing.
- Ensure they are not positioned directly behind the van to avoid becoming pinned.
- Not engaged in conversation with others while directing a reversing vehicle.

If visibility or communication is lost with spotter, stop reversing immediately and reestablish contact.

Reversing and blindspots

All Orange Sky drivers are required to follow the procedures below.

Prior to reversing, ensure:

- There are no in-vehicle distinctions (such as music).
- Both the driver's and passenger's windows are wound down so the driver can clearly hear the instructions from the spotter/s.
- The hazard lights are on.
- The driver or spotter are not talking on their phones.
- The driver has at least one spotter to assist them.

Every vehicle has blind spots, blind spots can be caused by:

- The bonnet (below the level of the bonnet and below the level of the doors at the sides).
- The pillars the driver and passenger seatbelts are mounted to.
- Lack of vision from the rear window of the van.
- Passengers and the passenger headrest (over your left shoulder).
- Incorrectly adjusted seat and mirrors.



- **Turns** - point one arm to indicate the direction to turn. Bend monitoring arm repeatedly toward head to indicate continued turning.
- **Distance to stop** - face palms forward with hands above head. Bring hands together.
- **Emergency Stop** - hands clasped over head, extend downward repeatedly until vans stops.
- **Stop** - Cross both arms above head.
- **Proceed Slowly** - bend and raise arms, repeatedly move arms towards or away from head in direction of desired travel

For further information on Orange Sky's safe driving procedures, read the following:

- *Guide to Driving an OS Van Safely*