

### Prerequisites to driving an OS van

- Hold a full or provisional Aus or NZ driver's licence.
- If on provisional licence, you must display P plates on the front and rear of the vehicle.
- Not be disqualified from driving or facing charges that could disqualify you.
- Signed the Special Transport Agreement Form.
- Completed your OS driver training & induction.
- Be willing to comply with road safety laws, such as speed limits, mobile phone & seat belt use.
- Follow these safe driving procedures.
- Be willing to report incidents and accidents.
- Be willing to report vehicle defects.

### Van dimensions

Orange Sky vans have different dimensions. It's important to know the height and length of the van so you can accurately judge the space required to safely manoeuvre the vehicle. The dimensions for each van are:

- **Laundry van** approximately: **2.4m high x 5.3m long**
- **Shower & hybrid** vans approximately: **2.8m high x 5.6m long**

### 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 is not talking on the phone.
- 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.

### Key hazards while driving

- **Speed** - Speeding also includes driving too fast for the conditions, including weather, traffic and road conditions. Remember OS vans handle differently to family cars.
- **Fatigue** - is one of the biggest factors contributing to work-related road accidents. If you've had a big day at work, be honest about your ability to drive.
- **Mobile phones** - at no time handle/use your phone while driving or while stopped at lights.
- **Drugs and alcohol** - It is illegal to drive under the influence of drugs and alcohol.

#### This guide should be read in conjunction with the following resources:

- *Safe Driving Procedure*
- *Safe Reversing Guide*