



Member Communication
Roadside Recovery Guidance – Removals to place of safety
Police Scotland
16th June 2020

Further to our member communication of 8th June 2020 we have today been informed that Police Scotland have confirmed to the NPCC (National Police Chief Council) that they do not accept the SURVIVE Best Practice Guidance in relation to the carriage of passengers, while remaining in a casualty vehicle, to be legal practice and as such consider it to be an offence. This is despite NPCC writing to all UK Police forces and asking them to adopt a pragmatic approach to this activity.

This is a very fluid situation and considering Police Scotland's position we recommend that AVRO members, operating within Scotland, **DO NOT** undertake the removal of vehicle occupants, while remaining within a casualty vehicle, by any means and in any situation. Where vehicle occupants cannot be removed safely from the scene of an incident, then the Emergency Services should be contacted immediately, and urgent assistance requested.

We take the opportunity to remind all AVRO members, throughout the UK, that there is no legislation that specifically covers this activity and that the guidance issued by SURVIVE Group is Best Practice Guidance and has not been tested in court.

We very much appreciate that this is a very frustrating situation and continues to call into question Best Practice Guidance which our industry has operated from for some time.

AVRO is continuing in its dialogue with DfT, DVSA, HSE, NPCC and others as well as lobbying Government for the necessary change in legislation to encompass this procedure into law.

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