

Preventing illegal immigration to the United Kingdom (UK)

Support and information for lorry drivers who transport freight to and from the United Kingdom

People attempt to gain entry to the UK illegally, often using extreme means. This information has been produced to help you:

- Protect yourself
- Prevent illegal immigration in the UK
- Avoid a financial penalty

You should always:

- Obtain a checklist and vehicle security instructions from your employer
- Watch your vehicle being loaded to make sure no unauthorised people enter your vehicle

Remain vigilant:

- If you suspect that someone has entered or tampered with your vehicle or is involved in illegal immigration, please report it

When reporting, please give us:

- Time, date and place
- People involved and their work/home addresses
- Nationality
- Details of the immigration or customs offence taking place
- How do you know this information?
- Type of vehicle used
- Make and model
- Registration number
- Operator licence identity disc details
- Any colours or distinguishing features

Remember:

Please do not investigate yourself or put yourself in danger. Any information that you provide will be handled in confidence.

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The Home Office Civil Penalty Unit has a free accreditation scheme that is open to road haulage companies of any size or nationality operating between mainland Europe and the United Kingdom.

You can contact us at civilpenaltyunit@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk or:

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Further information – including the Home Office Code of Practice on the Prevention of Clandestine Entry, and a checklist template – can be downloaded from our website:

<https://www.gov.uk/secure-your-vehicle-to-help-stop-illegal-immigration>