

Engine Idling Policy

MJ Hughes Limited consider that nothing is so important that it cannot be done safely, with road safety being as important as health and safety on site.

The health and safety of road users, the traveling public and our drivers is fundamental to our success. We believe there is never any conflict between the company's long-term success and our obligation to keep employees, members of the public and the environment safe.

MJ Hughes Ltd policy requires driver to switch off their engine 30 seconds after they stop travelling, this will reduce the instances of unnecessary engine-idling whilst loading, waiting or in stationary traffic. Reduction of unnecessary engine-idling will reduce the impact of our emissions on public health and the environment. It will also lead to increased fuel and engine efficiency for these vehicles.

We define unnecessary engine idling as an event where the engine is switched on for more than 15 minutes without producing productive work.

Occurrences of engine idling include but are not limited to:

- Loading and offloading of plant and materials by other items of plant.
- Whilst on site, operatives waiting for work instructions.
- Vehicles stationary within standing traffic.
- Static vehicles in work areas that require beacons to remain flashing.

We will reduce the occurrence of unnecessary engine idling by:

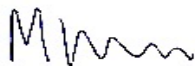
- Communicating the benefits of reducing engine idling and highlighting the dangers associated with unnecessary engine idling to all our drivers and subcontractors.
- Ensuring our drivers receive Toolbox Talk training on the need to reduce engine idling times.
- Ensure our drivers receive approved driver training on the techniques to reduce engine idling times.
- Researching and procuring new fleet vehicles with anti-idling technologies and more efficient engines.
- Changing old hazard beacons to the new LED type so the engine is not required to be on when static.
- Trial the use of telematics to ensure we identify a robust real-time reporting system that is right for the business.
- Use telematics to monitor occurrences of unnecessary engine idling and use this data to target specific drivers with additional training and knowledge to prevent reoccurrence.
- Where traffic routes are identified as the cause of unnecessary idling, we will reroute vehicles in line with our other fleet policies or ensure engines are switched off when not working.
- Where drivers are identified as deliberately ignoring this policy, disciplinary action will be taken by the company.

Vehicles fitted with PTO switches are exempt from the above as they require the engine to idle to activate fitted plant equipment.

We will also confirm the presence of these arrangements to our supply chain partners.

The Managing Director, who has overall responsibility for this policy, will ensure the provision of adequate resources for its implementation and will regularly assess the continuing improvement of our Fleet's capabilities and reduction of work related road risk.

This policy will be brought to the attention of all employees and subcontractors working on behalf of the Company and reviewed at least annually.



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Managing Director

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