

## **NEWS DELIVERERS' RISK ASSESSMENT**

The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1992 requires you to have a Risk Assessment for news deliverers in place before you employ them and seek to ensure their safety whilst in your employment.

A Risk Assessment must be detailed on each individual news deliverer upon commencement of employment. Risk Assessment is an ongoing process and **you must** carry out further assessments periodically to ensure that controls are working.

Copies of Risk Assessments must be retained as you may be asked to demonstrate that you have carried out a Risk Assessment with your news deliverers.

Please use this form in-conjunction with the NFRN 'Delivering Safety' leaflet.

#### **GUIDANCE FOR COMPLETING FORM**

#### Page 2

You should complete this as appropriate.

### Page 3 and 4

Column 1	The significant hazards associated with news delivery rounds are detailed here.	The list of hazards is not exhaustive and therefore, a space has been provided on
	page 4 for you to insert any significant local hazards.	

- Column 2 Controls to eliminate or minimise risks are detailed here. You should tick the appropriate box to confirm that you have explained to the news deliverer the controls in place to eliminate or minimise risks they may encounter whilst carrying out their duties. A space has been provided on page 4 for you to insert any controls in place to eliminate or minimise local risks.
- Column 3 You <u>must</u> insert details of how controls were conveyed to the news deliverer with details of any equipment provided to eliminate/minimise risks. This box should also be used for any follow up or corrective action required. Follow up action might be e.g. *vicious dog at no 32 advise householder.*
- Column 4 Please insert completion date of any follow up or corrective action required.

#### Page 4

A space has been provided for signature by both the news deliverer and their parent/guardian to confirm that a Risk Assessment has been carried out. Please ensure that this is returned to you.

The following blank Risk Assessment Form is provided as a template for you to photocopy

# **NEWSDELIVERERS' RISK ASSESSMENT FORM**

NAME OF NEWSDELIVERER						DATE OF BIRTH	I	
ADDRESS								
						POSTCODE		
EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME						EMERGENCY CONTACT TEL NO		
NORMAL DELIVERY METHOD		BIKE		FOOT		BAG		TROLLEY
DATE OF RISK ASSESSMENT				_		CARRIED OUT BY		
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	YES	NO NO	OX N/A		REMEDIAL ACTION	N REQUIRED		
NEWSAGENT'S CHECK LIST  Is the news deliverer registered with the Local Authority?	YES				REMEDIAL ACTION	N REQUIRED		
	YES				REMEDIAL ACTION	N REQUIRED		
Is the news deliverer registered with the Local Authority?					REMEDIAL ACTION	N REQUIRED		
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HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH DELIVERY ROUNDS	CONTROLS TO ELIMINATE OR MINIMISE RISKS	TICK	<u>( BOX</u>	DETAILS OF HOW RISK CONTROL GIVEN AND ANY FOLLOW UP OR CORRECTIVE ACTION REQUIRED	DATE ACTIONS COMPLETED
MANUAL HANDLING		YES	NO		
Lifting news bags/bundles incorrectly	News deliverer instructed on correct lifting procedures				
Lifting news bags/bundles which are too heavy	Weight of bag reduced to 15kg/35lb or less				
	Delivery round split				
	Trolley Provided				
Damaged news delivery bags	News deliverer instructed to report any damaged bags to newsagent				
PERSONAL SAFETY		YES	NO		
Accidents	News deliverer instructed to report any accidents or near misses to newsagent and the need to record in accident book				
	News deliverer informed of location of shop First Aid box and its use				
Strangers	News deliverer instructed never to talk to strangers and to report any such approaches to police and newsagent				
Animals	News deliverer instructed not to approach any animal whilst on round and to report any vicious animals on round to newsagent				
Letter boxes, gates	News deliverer advised to be cautious of highly sprung gates and letter boxes and to inform newsagent of any such dangers				
Dark alleyways/shortcuts	Delivery round designed to avoid dark alleyways				
	News deliverer instructed never to take shortcuts through woods or alleyways				
Personal Attack	News deliverer instructed never to collect money whilst on rounds				
	News deliverer instructed never to enter houses on delivery round				
	News deliverer supplied with personal attack alarm or whistle and shown when and how to use				
	News deliverer instructed to report any such incidents to police and newsagent				
Unsuitable clothing	News deliverer instructed never to wear walkmans or rollerblades/skates whilst carrying out delivery rounds				
	News deliverer advised to wear clothing that protects from wet or cold				
	News deliverer advised to wear bright clothing whilst carrying out delivery rounds				
	Waistcoat/jacket with fluorescent/reflective strips provided				
	Delivery bag with fluorescent/reflective strips provided		$\Box$		

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ROAD SAFETY		YES	NO		
Roads	News deliverer instructed to use the Green Cross Code				
	Delivery round designed to avoid zig-zagging across main roads, dangerous crossings and badly lit areas				
	News deliverer instructed to use pedestrian crossings				
Weather conditions	News deliverer advised to carry torch with spare batteries				
CYCLE SAFETY		YES	NO		
Other road users	News deliverer advised to read the Highway Code				
News deliverers proficiency on bicycle	News deliverer advised to take cycling training course				
Weather conditions	News deliverer instructed that front and rear lights must be used when dark or bad weather situations prevail and advised to carry spare batteries				
Falls	News deliverer instructed to wear approved cycle helmet				
Bicycle condition	News deliverer instructed that bicycle must be in good working order				
Periodic bicycle safety checks must be carried out by the newsagent	Front and rear lights fitted to bicycle and in working order				
	Reflectors fitted to bicycle and positioned correctly				
	Front and rear brakes in working order				
	Tyres properly inflated				
	Saddles and pedals correctly adjusted				
INSERT HERE ANY OTHER SIGNIFICANT HAZARDS	INSERT HERE CONTROLS TO ELIMINATE/MINIMISE RISKS			DETAILS OF HOW RISK CONTROL GIVEN AND ANY FOLLOW UP OR CORRECTIVE ACTION REQUIRED	DATE ACTIONS COMPLETED
		YES	NO		
DECLARATION					
I hereby confirm that the above Ri	sk Assessment has been carried out with			and I understand that any questions, concerns or problems should be raised with	the newsagent
News deliverer's Name	Signat	ure		Date	
Parent/Guardian's Name	Signat	ure		Date	