



Nearside Collisions

2022 has brought many challenges to our business and operating environment in which you drive every day. These challenges have seen an increase in nearside accidents that equates to 2 nearside accidents per day involving making contact with -

1. **Street Furniture (Bus stops, railings etc.)**
2. **Cyclists**
3. **Pedestrians**
4. **Parked Vehicles**
5. **Other stationary road vehicles at junctions, traffic lights and roundabouts**
6. **Overhanging Trees**

Good observations and anticipating risks are the most important part of a bus driver's role and as such these types of accidents can be avoided by simply adopting a safe driving routine -

1. **Look - Continually scanning the road ahead, left to right so that you can detect approaching hazards.**
2. **Assess - Continually assess for other hazards such as cyclists. It's easy to focus on cars and not see the other developing hazards.**
3. **Decide - You've assessed the situation now you need to decide the safest course of action**
4. **Act - The decision has been made and you need to safely, but swiftly act.**

Ultimately, if you're unsure, then stop. Always choose caution over risk.

Your assistance is appreciated.