

# Installation of temporary protective screens in private hire vehicles

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As part of an essential transportation network, we want to work with drivers and their operators so they can continue to work, and transport passengers, as safely as possible throughout the Covid 19 outbreak.

We have been approached by several drivers/operators wishing to install protective screening between the driver and the passenger.

As a Council we cannot endorse any specific product. However, if you are intending to use a protective screen system on a **temporary basis**, you must take the following steps:

- 1) Check that your insurance cover is not compromised by the addition of the product and confirm the adaption has been accepted on cover. This confirmation should be produced to Derby City Council upon request.
- 2) Inform Derby City Council Taxi Licensing of your intention to use a temporary protective screen, including the type of product and the vehicle details. **Failure to notify us of the installation may cause delays to any licence renewal.**
- 3) Ensure that you have access to cleaning facilities so that contact areas can be cleaned after each fare. This must include, but is not limited to, the temporary protective screen and all contact areas such as door handles, payment windows and grab handles.
- 4) Remove the screens when the temporary period is over as decided by Derby City Council

When installing a temporary screen, the following should be taken into consideration:

- 1) The temporary protective screen should be fitted behind the drivers seat to create a partition. It should not wrap around the driver seat alone.



- 2) Ensure that the screen is fitted securely but is not permanently fitted in the vehicle.
- 3) Any temporary protective screen must be of a clear and transparent material
- 4) The temporary protective screen must not be fitted in a way which would affect the integrity of the vehicle or affect any safety equipment such as airbags.

There is information on our website for drivers giving advice on cleaning etc <https://www.derby.gov.uk/environmental-health-licensing-trading-standards/licensing/>.

Drivers should continue to follow the governments cleaning advice in addition to the screen being fitted.

This advice is given in relation to Derby City Council licensed vehicles and is not for distribution.

