

# EU DRIVERS' HOURS



**Drivers must not drive more than nine hours in a day**  
Although this can be extended to 10 hours twice a week



The rules mandate the following rest breaks:

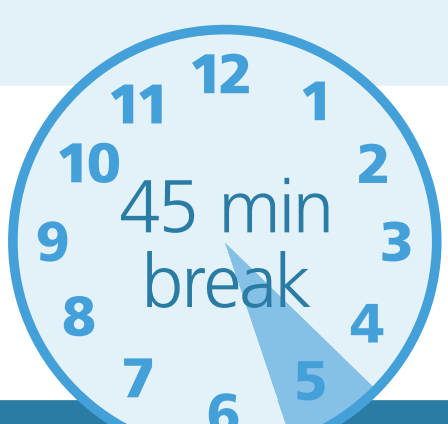


**Drivers must rest for at least 11 hours every day**

This can be reduced to 9 hours rest three times between any two weekly rest periods

an unbroken rest period of 45 hours every week – this can be reduced to 24 hours every other week

Your weekly rest after six consecutive 24-hour periods of working, starting from the end of the last weekly rest period taken (coach drivers on an international trip can take their weekly rest after 12 consecutive 24-hour periods, starting from the end of the last weekly rest period taken).



A driver must take a break or breaks totalling at least **45 minutes** after no more than four and-a-half hours driving

Certain vehicles are exempt from these EU rules and in which case must comply with The GB Domestic drivers' hours rules.

## What are Working Time Regulations?

The Working Time Regulations includes non-driving workers. There are two key limits for road transport workers:

**48 HOURS**

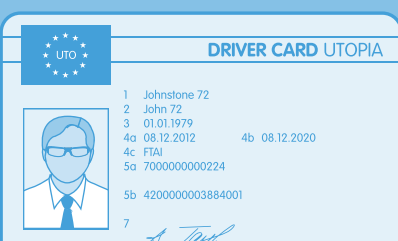
Maximum average working week

**6 HOURS**

Maximum length of work before a break

## What are the risks for non-compliance?

Failing to keep proper drivers' hours records is an offence



Digital driver card data must be downloaded at least every 28 days.



Drivers can be **fined** a maximum of

**£5,000**



Or face **2 years** imprisonment

Transport operators that permit this to happen...



Face **fines** up to £5000



Possible loss of their Operators licence



In cases of tachograph fraud, **imprisonment**

Maximum daily driving time exceeded by	Up to 1 hour	1-2 hours	2 hours or more
What fixed penalties apply?	Penalty <b>£100</b>	Penalty <b>£200</b>	Penalty <b>£300</b>