

Chain of Responsibility (CoR) – Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL)

COMMITMENT STATEMENT

PEP Transport is committed to maintaining the highest standards of safety in all transport operations. This includes full compliance with the Heavy Vehicle National Law (HVNL) and the Chain of Responsibility (CoR).

CoR laws ensure that responsibility for heavy vehicle safety extends to every party in the transport supply chain, not just the driver. Each party must take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure safe transport activities.

PEP Transport does not tolerate, support, or encourage any breach of the CoR. Safety, compliance, and accountability are central to our operations and expected from all supply chain partners.

WHO IS COVERED BY CoR?

You are part of the CoR if you are involved in any of the following road transport activities:

- Consigning – commissioning the carriage of goods.
- Packing – placing goods in packages, containers, or pallets.
- Loading – placing or restraining the load on a vehicle.
- Driving – operating the heavy vehicle.
- Operating – managing a business that controls vehicle use.
- Receiving – taking possession of the goods.

Control = Responsibility = Legal Liability

RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER CoR

All parties must take reasonable steps to prevent breaches of road transport laws by:

- Not coercing, inducing, or encouraging unsafe practices.
- Communicating and collaborating with others in the chain to reduce risks.
- Ensuring activities under your control do not compromise safety or compliance.

The level of responsibility depends on your role and your capacity to control or influence risk.

ROLE-SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES

Consignors

- Understand legal requirements for road transport.
- Ensure goods are consigned with safety and compliance in mind.

Packers

- Ensure loads comply with weight, size, and dimension requirements.
- Avoid unstable or overweight pallets; secure all packaging properly.

Loaders

- Confirm vehicle suitability and compliance (capacity, DG requirements, axle mass).
- Secure loads with correct restraints; stack and wrap pallets safely.
- Report driver fatigue or drug/alcohol concerns to supervisors before release of freight.

Fleet Supervisors/Managers

- Confirm drivers are fit, licensed, and compliant with fatigue rules.
- Prepare Journey Management Plans for long trips.
- Ensure vehicles are roadworthy and compliant with permit conditions.
- Verify that loads do not exceed weight or dimension limits.
- Provide correct load restraint equipment.
- Never pressure drivers to breach the law.

Drivers

- Take required rest breaks, maintain logbooks, and comply with fatigue regulations.
- Conduct pre-trip inspections, report defects, and keep vehicles roadworthy.
- Be fit for duty with zero tolerance for drugs or alcohol.
- Verify load security and refuse unsafe or overloaded freight.
- Ensure permits are valid and complied with.

Consignees

- Ensure receiving practices do not cause or encourage breaches of road laws.

OUR COMMITMENT

PEP Transport is dedicated to working with every party in the supply chain to prevent CoR breaches and promote safer roads. By recognising shared responsibilities and taking proactive steps, we ensure compliance, protect our people, and safeguard the community.



Main Roads WA Accreditation

We are proud holders of the **Main Roads WA Heavy Vehicle Accreditation (WAHVA)**—a hallmark of trust, reliability, and operational excellence in Western Australia.

What This Accreditation Means

- **Mandatory Excellence** – WAHVA is required for operators using heavy vehicle permits in WA, but for us, it's more than compliance, it's proof of our high standards.
- **Independent Audits** – Our systems are tested by certified auditors, guaranteeing transparency and integrity.
- **Comprehensive Safety Modules** – We maintain excellence across Fatigue Management, Maintenance Management, Dimension & Loading, and Common Standards.
- **Ongoing Accountability** – With annual audits, record-keeping, and continuous improvement, we ensure our accreditation is not just maintained but strengthened every year.

Why It Matters to Our Clients and Partners

Our WAHVA certificate means peace of mind for our customers, regulators, and the community. It showcases that:

- Our drivers are well-rested and compliant.
- Our vehicles are roadworthy and meticulously maintained.
- Our loading practices meet strict safety requirements.
- Our management systems are transparent and externally audited.

When you choose **PEP Transport**, you choose an accredited, proven, and safety-driven partner.



Our ISO Certifications



To strengthen our commitment to world-class standards, **PEP Transport** proudly holds ISO certifications in both Quality Management and Health & Safety.

These certifications demonstrate our dedication to excellence beyond local compliance, aligning with international best practice.

ISO 9001 – Quality Management

- Guarantees that we consistently deliver services that meet or exceed customer expectations.
- Embeds continuous improvement at every level of our business.
- Reflects our customer-first approach and operational efficiency.

ISO 45001 – Health & Safety Management

- Demonstrates our proactive stance on workplace safety.
- Ensures we exceed legal obligations for occupational health and safety.
- Protects our people, contractors, and stakeholders through a culture of wellbeing.

Our Safety Technology



At **PEP Transport**, we invest in cutting-edge technology to enhance safety and performance across our fleet. By integrating the latest innovations, we go beyond compliance to protect our drivers, clients, and the community.

Guardian by Seeing Machines

- A state-of-the-art driver fatigue and distraction monitoring system.
- Uses advanced sensors and AI to detect signs of drowsiness or inattention.
- Provides real-time alerts to our monitoring centre, ensuring swift intervention to prevent incidents.

MTData Telematics

- Delivers live tracking, compliance monitoring, and data-driven insights.
- Enables proactive fleet management by monitoring speed, driver behaviour, and vehicle performance.
- Supports compliance with fatigue and mass management rules while improving operational efficiency.

By combining Guardian and MTData, PEP Transport has built a proactive safety ecosystem that reduces risk, improves driver wellbeing, and enhances accountability.