

## Smarter driving

---

These simple tips can help you reduce your fuel consumption, save money and at the same time help improve air quality in London by reducing harmful vehicle emissions.

- If you're going to be stationary for one minute or more, it pays to switch off your engine. You'll save fuel and reduce emissions from your vehicle
  - Taxi drivers waiting at ranks should switch off their engine - this helps reduce pollution both outside and inside your taxi
  - PHV drivers waiting for passengers should switch off their engine until the passenger gets into the vehicle
- Keep your tyres inflated and check the pressure regularly - underinflated tyres are dangerous and increase fuel consumption
- Remember air-con and electrics all contribute to your fuel consumption
- Maintain smooth and progressive braking and acceleration to save fuel and wear and tear on your vehicle
- If you have a modern car, you can drive off from cold - modern cars are designed to move straight away. Warming up the engine wastes fuel and actually causes engine wear
- Check your revs - change up before 2,500rpm (petrol) or 2,000rpm (diesel)
- Drive within the speed limit, as well as being safer and the law this also reduces fuel consumption

### Smarter-driving courses

We're working with the Energy Saving Trust (EST) to fund a limited number of smarter-driving courses for private hire drivers.

### Private hire operators

The private hire driver course is open to all private hire drivers and is completely free.

The courses are organised with private hire operators so if you are interested in arranging courses for your drivers then please [email](mailto:tph.research@tfl.gov.uk) [tph.research@tfl.gov.uk](mailto:tph.research@tfl.gov.uk) your operator licence number, a contact name and

phone number and how many drivers you would like to book on the course.  
We'll contact you to confirm the date and time when your drivers can complete the course.