

## ■ Driving/Vehicles



DRIVING IS A PART of many jobs that Local 237 members hold. Auto accidents are the leading cause of injury and death in the United States

Many of these accidents happen while at work.

**Some of the causes of automobile accidents are:**

- Driving while drowsy.
- Driving while distracted (talking on cell phone, reading maps, etc.).
- Driving an unsafe vehicle.

For Local 237 members who are driving New

or obvious safety problem.” If you have concerns about the safety of your vehicle, notify your supervisor immediately.

**Cargo weight limits:** Many Local 237 members have expressed concern about the use of hybrid vehicles and whether they are heavy enough for the tools and other cargo they must carry. The City manual addresses this issue and states that vehicles must not exceed the manufacturers’ gross vehicle weight (GVW) recommendations. If you have concerns about whether your vehicle is exceeding its GVW, notify your supervisor immediately.



York City vehicles, the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) issued a City Vehicle Driver Handbook in February 2009. The Handbook offers guidance on which City employees may use cars and it gives background on some basic rules for use.

There are several parts of the handbook that can be especially useful for workers who have concerns about the safety of their City vehicles.

**Inspections:** The City manual requires that workers assigned a vehicle must “regularly” inspect the vehicle for basic safety fitness. It also states that drivers will be notified when regular preventive maintenance is scheduled. The manual prohibits a driver from operating a vehicle that has “a known



### PESH WHAT THE LAW REQUIRES

There are no specific workplace safety and health (PESH) laws that cover vehicles.



**Notes:**

