

57369 Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles - Enforcement Stops and Routine Checks

During enforcement stops what are the top reasons for Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles being considered unsuitable to continue to be used and/or where remedial action is needed?

Enforcement Officers do not carry out mechanical checks. However, during routine compliance checks at the roadside, the most common vehicle faults identified are listed below;

- Defective lights – 36%
- Vehicle damage – 27%
- Signage missing or faulty – 27%
- Tyre wear – 9%

These are normally dealt with by corrective advice at the time, and on no occasion has an enforcement officer deemed a Taxi or Private Hire Car to be immediately unsuitable to be used.

However, Enforcement Officers also carry out joint exercises with Police Scotland, who have taken their own enforcement action in relation to relevant legislation. The City of Edinburgh Council does not hold data on this information and so cannot provide a breakdown of any enforcement action taken by Police Scotland during these joint exercises.

During routine checks what are the top reasons for Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles being considered unsuitable to continue to be used and/or where remedial action is needed?

During the annual inspection the top reasons for failure are:

- Suspension 37%
- Lights 34%
- Tyres 20%
- Brakes 19%

How many private hire/taxi vehicles/what percentage of those stopped have either to be taken off of the road or the driver/owner required to carry out remedial work?

During the annual inspection for the period 1 April to 3 October 2025 the percentage of vehicles that were taken off the road (Red Label) are:

- Taxi – 17.49%
- Private Hire Vehicles – 6.20%

The percentage requiring remedial work is:

- Taxi – 46%
- Private Hire Vehicles – 37%