8. Driving off the Highway

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Do not take your vehicle off the highway or designated tracks.

Do not pull up onto the pavements as they are not designed for heavy vehicles.

Mounting the pavement could cause damage to paving slabs, pipes and other services buried below the surface.

Manhole covers on pavements are often of much lighter construction than those in the road so a heavy vehicle could well collapse such a cover and become stranded.

Private driveways are often of weak construction because they are only designed for cars.

In towns the pavement may have to be crossed to get onto a drive. Even though a private driveway may be made of block paving, tarmac, shingle or hard-core it is quite possible that a heavy vehicle will sink into or at least damage the drive surface,

If you are asked to go onto a private drive get the client to complete and sign the liability waiver form accepting complete liability for any damage that may be caused to the drive and any underground services.

In any case before driving onto a private drive walk the ground checking for manhole covers, drains, culverts etc.

If you are in any doubt do not drive in.