

# STRIKE IT OUT

PREVENTING BRIDGE STRIKES



Striking a bridge with your vehicle has **SERIOUS** consequences. At best, damage to your vehicle and loss of earnings - at worst, cause **INJURY** or **DEATH**.

# CHECK IT: PLAN IT: DO IT!

## CHECK IT

- Your vehicle height; width; and weight
- Remember to include trailers and loaded materials
- If your vehicle is higher than 5m / 16'6" plan your route with great care

## PLAN IT

- Plan your route to avoid low bridges  
**[freightscotland.org/lowbridges](http://freightscotland.org/lowbridges)**  
or **0800 028 1414**
- DO NOT** use SAT NAV – it may not hold accurate bridge height information

## DO IT

- Always display the height of your vehicle in the cab as a reminder; this is the law if your vehicle is higher than 3m / 10 feet
- Always obey the height signs on bridges

**Don't risk wasting a life, your job,  
your vehicle or getting a jail sentence.**

## DIVERSIONS AND BRIDGE SIGNS

If you have been diverted from your original route be bridge height aware. Can you make it safely?

## CHECK IT

- Your new route could be lower
- All bridges under 5m / 16'6" inches have a height sign

## PLAN IT

- You may have to re-plan your route -  
**[freightscotland.org/lowbridges](http://freightscotland.org/lowbridges)**  
or **0800 028 1414**
- DO NOT** use SAT NAV – it normally doesn't hold accurate bridge height info!

## **DO IT**

- If in doubt - stop and check it out
- Always obey the height signs on bridges
- Routes with low bridges may already have advance warning and diversion signs to provide you with alternative route information

## **CHECK IT – your height conversion chart**

<b>Feet/Inches</b>	<b>Metres</b>
<b>16'6"</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<b>16'0"</b>	<b>4.85</b>
<b>15'6"</b>	<b>4.7</b>
<b>15'0"</b>	<b>4.55</b>
<b>14'6"</b>	<b>4.4</b>
<b>14'0"</b>	<b>4.25</b>
<b>13'6"</b>	<b>4.1</b>
<b>13'0"</b>	<b>3.95</b>
<b>12'6"</b>	<b>3.8</b>
<b>12'0"</b>	<b>3.65</b>
<b>11'6"</b>	<b>3.5</b>
<b>11'0"</b>	<b>3.35</b>
<b>10'6"</b>	<b>3.2</b>
<b>10'0"</b>	<b>3.05</b>

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- ✓ **CHECK IT:** vehicle height; load height; and width
- ✓ **PLAN IT:** [freightscotland.org/lowbridges](http://freightscotland.org/lowbridges) or **0800 028 1414**
- ✓ **DO IT:** display vehicle height in the cab and **ALWAYS** obey bridge height signs

**If in doubt – CHECK IT OUT**

[www.freightscotland.org](http://www.freightscotland.org)

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**Map of low bridges:**  
[freightscotland.org/lowbridges](https://freightscotland.org/lowbridges)

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- CHECK IT:** your vehicle height; load height; and width – including your load
- PLAN IT:** [freightscotland.org/lowbridges](http://freightscotland.org/lowbridges) or **0800 028 1414** for your route avoiding low bridges
- DO IT:** remember to display your vehicle height in the cab and **ALWAYS** obey bridge height signs

**If in doubt – CHECK IT OUT**

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**Further info on how to avoid bridge strikes can be found at  
[www.transportscotland.gov.uk](http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk)  
[www.trafficscotland.org](http://www.trafficscotland.org)**