

Ipswich Borough Council Standards of Dress Code for Licensed Drivers

1. The purpose of a driver's dress code is to seek a standard of dress that provides a positive image of the hackney carriage and private hire trade in Ipswich to enhance a professional image of licensed drivers and ensure that public and driver safety is not compromised.

Acceptable Standard of Dress

2. All clothing worn by the driver must be clean and in good condition, and the driver must have good standards of personal hygiene.

As a minimum standard, males should wear trousers and a shirt which has a full body and short sleeves. Knee length shorts may be worn, for example during periods of warm weather.

As a minimum standard, females should wear long legged trousers, knee length skirt or dress and a shirt / blouse which has a full body and short sleeves.

Footwear

3. Footwear for all drivers shall fit around the heel of the foot.

Unacceptable Standard of Dress

4. The following are deemed to be unacceptable:
 - (a) Clothing that is not kept in a clean condition, free from holes and rips.
 - (b) Words or graphics on any clothing that is of an offensive or suggestive nature or which might offend.
 - (c) Sportswear (e.g. football / rugby kits, track suits, beach wear etc).
 - (d) Sandals with no heel straps, flip flops or any other form of footwear not secured around the heel.
 - (e) Drivers not having either the top or bottom half of their bodies suitably clothed.
 - (f) The wearing of hoods or other clothing that obscures the drivers vision or their identity