



Job Description

Title:	Assistant Van Driver
Accountable to:	Regional Retail Manager
Responsible for:	N/A
Location:	Various
Contract Type:	Permanent
Working Hours:	Various
Benefits:	25 days holiday plus bank holidays (pro rata), Pension scheme, Flexible working arrangements, Access to an Employee benefits platform

Main purposes of the job:

- To provide a cost-effective logistical service to the retail service.
- Represent Life as an efficient and charitable organisation by ensuring that your actions reinforce Life's basis and values.

Key achievement areas:

General:

- 1) To promote Life in a good light, acting as an ambassador to the local community, customers and volunteers.
- 2) Actively participate in two-way communication, sharing and exchanging relevant and appropriate information with the Van Driver.
- 3) In the absence of the Van Driver, maintain an administration log ensuring fulfilment of record-keeping requirements
- 4) Ensure that valuables and fragile items are handled appropriately to avoid damage.
- 5) Provide excellent levels of customer service when dealing with stores staff and volunteers, external customers, agencies and local business.
- 6) Ensure the highest levels of customer service, productivity and efficiency at all stages of collection and delivery of stock.

Logistics:

- 1) As instructed by the Head of Retail / Regional Retail Manager, follow a van rota which effectively facilitate movement of stock throughout the organisation.
- 2) In conjunction with the Van Driver, complete collections and deliveries of stock to and from donors' houses.
- 3) Abide by Life's Van Driving Policy.

- 4) Partake in the shops day to day operational activities when required and take direction from the Van Driver.
- 5) In conjunction with the Van Driver, actively promote and source stock donations from customers and the local community.
- 6) Drive in a courteous manner.

Stock:

- 1) Actively encourage the public to donate saleable stock through networking in the local area.
- 2) Support the Gift Aid process by signing up donors when doing collections.
- 3) Support Area stock procurement initiatives.
- 4) Service and empty Life's clothing banks ensuring that you adhere to Life's policies on collections.
- 5) Ensure stock is stored as per guidelines in the shops

Health & Safety:

- 1) Comply with Health and Safety regulations across charitable activities and for vehicle use.
- 2) As this role involves continuous manual handling of stock, in volume daily. It will require a reasonably high level of fitness and exertion, including carrying stock up and down stairs daily. A LWB Transit van holds approximately 200 bags of 8Kg stock which you would be required to load and unload at various locations throughout the day.
- 3) It will also involve moving, lifting, loading and unloading irregular boxes and small items of furniture. There will be a requirement to work in both confined and challenging spaces on occasions.
- 4) In the absence of the Van Driver, adhere to regular maintenance and upkeep of company vehicle to include a minimum weekly interior and exterior cleaning of the vehicle.
- 5) Maintain high standards of organisation and housekeeping within the shops at all times.
- 6) Report any vehicle maintenance or Health and Safety issues direct to the Van Driver.
- 7) In the absence of the Van Driver, ensure safety checklists are completed for the vehicle
- 8) In the absence of the Van Driver, maintain health and safety records, reporting and recording all serious incidents and injuries to head office in line with Life's policy.

NB: This role involves continuous manual handling of stock, in volume on a daily basis. It will require a reasonable level of fitness and exertion, including carrying stock up and down stairs on a regular basis.

Safeguarding Children & Adults at Risk of Harm:

- Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and all employees are required to act in such a way that at all times safeguards the health and wellbeing of children and adults at harm of risk.
- Familiarisation with, and adherence to, the appropriate organisational Safeguarding policies and any associated guidance is an essential requirements of all employees as is participation in related mandatory/statutory training.
- All employees must ensure that they understand and act in accordance with this clause. If you do not understand exactly how this clause relates to you personally, then you must seek clarification from your immediate line manager as a matter of urgency.
- Equally, all managers have a responsibility to ensure that their team members understand their individual responsibilities with regards to Safeguarding Children and Adults at Harm of Risk.

Personal responsibilities:

- The post holder must assume responsibility for their own professional and personal development (supported by Life where appropriate) to ensure their continuing competence to deliver Life's requirements.
- A key component of development is being fully aware of regulatory and legal requirements impacting on operational services and ensuring that all staff within those services are aware of and deliver their individual responsibilities

Corporate behaviours:

All staff are expected to:

- Work towards the charity's aims and objectives, and uphold it's vision and mission
- Demonstrate respect for others and value diversity
- Act responsibly regarding the health and safety of themselves and others
- Focus on the client and customer, both internally and externally, at all times
- Make an active contribution to develop the service
- Learn from, and share experience and knowledge
- Keep others informed of issues of importance and relevance
- Consciously review mistakes and successes to improve performance
- Act as an ambassador for the charity and always maintain professional standards
- Use discretion and sensitivity and be aware of issues requiring total customer confidentiality
- Demonstrate a flexible approach to their work
- Abide by and take responsibility for the obtaining, storage, processing and sharing of any personal data within the meaning of the General Data Protection Regulations 2018 and as defined in the relevant Life policies for all aspects of service delivery and working practice, paying particular attention to the protection of personal information in any form and by whatever means it is accessed by you.

In addition, all managers and supervisors will be expected to:

- Value and recognise ideas and the contribution of all team members
- Coach individuals to perform to the best of their ability
- Delegate work to develop individuals in their roles and realise their potential
- Provide support, feedback and guidance to all team members and encourage their team to achieve work/personal life balance

This job description is not necessarily an exhaustive list of duties but is intended to reflect a range of duties the post holder will perform. The job description will be reviewed regularly and may be changed in consultation with the post holder.

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Personal skill characteristics	Essential (Tick)	Desirable (Tick)
Experience / Knowledge / Qualifications		
Knowledge and experience of working in a Charity Furniture outlet		✓
Ability to drive long distances	✓	
Basic literacy or numeracy at a level to read and write simple messages, carry out simple calculations, instructions or maintain simple records.	✓	
Good physical fitness (requirement of the role)	✓	
Eligibility to drive a charity vehicle or to drive on behalf of the charity is subject to the driver holding a current valid, full UK driving licence, that has been held by the driver for a minimum of 2 years	✓	
Communication		
Be able to effectively communicate to a range of people at all levels	✓	
Excellent customer service skills	✓	
Personal		
Committed to the vision, mission and values of the charity	✓	
Commitment to quality, customer service, best practice and best value in all aspects of the charity's operation	✓	
Ability to work with people at all levels	✓	
Positive outlook and approachable personality	✓	
Ability to work on own initiative	✓	
Handles pressure of meeting deadlines and supports others where possible	✓	
Ability to prioritise workload and plan time	✓	
Commitment to own personal and professional development	✓	
Ability to motivate others and work as part of a team	✓	
Organised with the ability to multitask and work within a fast paced environment	✓	
Flexible attitude and be able to change and adapt at short notice	✓	
Prepared to be flexible with hours and a willingness to take on additional responsibilities if required	✓	

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