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Description automatically generated with low confidence****SEARCH PROCEDURE ANNEX T**

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| VEHICLE SEARCH |

Vehicle search Drivers and any passengers should be given access to secure lockers to store their possessions. Where searching of vehicles within the vehicle lock is required, long sleeved hi vis should be worn to ensure visibility of staff at all times.

The following equipment may be used for searching vehicles:

* Stepladders
* Mirrors (including telescopic, trolley and ceiling mounted mirrors in the gate area)
* Torches
* Fibro scopes
* Dogs

The following procedure should be followed when searching a vehicle:

The diagram below outlines the five key areas to be searched:



**A**

**C**

**E**

**B**

**D**

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| A – Check the doors and inside the vehicle  B – Check inside the vehicle  C – Check the engine compartment (where specified within the Local Security Strategy)  D – Check the roof using the fixed mirrors  E – Check underneath using the handheld mirrors VEHICLE SEARCH PRISONER TRANSPORT (CONTRACTORS) There may be a number of different vehicle models entering prison premises daily and staff must be vigilant when searching all types.  The procedure outlined below must be applied when searching contractor vehicles:   |  | | --- | | A – Check the doors and inside the vehicle  B – Check inside the vehicle  C – Check the engine compartment (where specified within the Local Security Strategy)  D – Check the roof using the fixed mirrors  E – Check underneath using the handheld mirrors  F- Check under seats and benches  G- Check wheel arches and spare wheel well  C    D  Image result for prison cellular vehicle  B  A  F  G  G  E  Staff should also be aware of a vulnerability **in the design of cellular vehicles** which contain a central void running a significant length of the underside of the vehicle (see images provided). This void exists on the four cell and six cell vehicles.  Image 1: Void on the underside of four cell vehicle. Shown as E on previous image. |   Image 2: Void on the underside of six cell (person) vehicle. Shown as E on previous image. |