



DfT orders eCall study

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The Department for Transport (DfT) has awarded a contract to SBD Ltd to study the case for the UK development of eCall.

eCall is an in-vehicle service that combines GPS location with airbag sensors and [mobile phone](#) technology to automatically alert the [emergency services](#) to the location of an accident. This could have benefits in reducing the effects of accidents that have occurred through more rapid response. The feature is already available on some vehicles in the UK.

A Europe-wide feasibility study shows large potential benefits for eCall but it is not yet clear how these can be translated to the UK, with its particular [vehicle](#) safety, road and traffic characteristics and its different approach to organising the emergency services.

SBD's study will look at the specific UK business case for eCall and then establish whether there are any barriers to its deployment. It will also identify the opportunities eCall offers, especially if combined with other initiatives such as usage-based [insurance](#).

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