

Caravan Pre-departure Safety Checks.

USE THIS HANDY GUIDE BEFORE YOU HIT THE ROAD, AND ONCE YOU ARRIVE AT YOUR DESTINATION.

- Check Registration, Warrant of Fitness and that your insurance is current
- Is your licence current, fit for purpose and accessible?
- Close all windows
- Close roof-hatches
- Secure and lock fridge/cabinets and lockers
- Secure the table for travel
- Secure TV-screen (and aerial if applicable)
- Turn off any appliance and or on-board systems
- Put foot-step inside
- Pack and store 230 V mains cable
- Pack away all fresh and grey water gear
- Turn off gas at the bottle
- Wind up all legs/jacks (rear ones first)
- Check correct size tow-ball is fitted (1 7/8" or 50mm)
- Hitch caravan, checking properly connected and locked
- Disengage reversing collar on over-ride brake if fitted
- Wind jockey-wheel in its traveling position
- Check hand-brake is off
- Connect caravan plug
- Attach break away cable/chain
- Check all lights for correct operation
- Fit extension mirrors & adjust
- Remove and store any wheel level ramps or packers.
- Walk around and complete one last visual check around and below the caravan. Check all windows, caps and lockers closed. Is the TV aerial down/removed? Are all legs up?

Caravan Arrival Safety Checks.

- Consider the caravan location:
 - Contour of the land
 - TV reception
 - Can you move out if required, even after other campers have arrived around you?
- Check if caravan is level (particularly EAST-WEST axle. If not, place wood or ramp under the lowest wheel. Consider that if, on the door-side, the contour falls away, the step might be rather high
- If you're in transit or only staying one night, you could consider leaving the caravan attached to the towing-vehicle and level EAST-WEST as above, and levelling NORTH-SOUTH by turning the jockey-wheel up to the appropriate height

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