

Caravan Safety Checklist

1. Inside the caravan, make sure that:
 - all the cupboards are securely closed
 - microwave oven glass is secured – ie shove in a cushion or two
 - the refrigerator doors are locked
 - toilet flap is closed and lid down
 - unplug vacuum cleaner
 - ensuite door secure – both catches
 - shower rose has been wrapped and placed on floor of shower
 - all four wall-lights are turned to face upwards
 - the windows and roof hatches are closed
 - TV back in its box
 - TV antennae wound down and locked (check externally as well)
 - there are no loose items in the caravan
 - refrigerator is turned to 12V
 - electrics control knob (on fridge wall) is set to I - ie 12V
 - folding chair/s placed on dinette seat
 - grey step is placed in floor step-well
2. Ensure awning supports, de-flappers, rafters and winding strap are secured.
3. Ensure awning ropes and pegs are rolled up and stored in their cupboard.
4. Ensure the caravan is correctly coupled to the tow vehicle. Then check both safety chain/s and breakaway wire.
Crisscross the chains and use 'D' shackles to connect them to the secure points on the towbar.
5. Ensure that the electrical plugs between the caravan and vehicle are connected.
Then, check the brake lights, tail lights, indicators, clearance lights and electric brakes to make sure they are working.
6. Before moving off, make sure that:
 - electricity cord has been disconnected and stored
 - sullage hose – or bucket – has been disconnected and stored
 - mains pressure hose has been disconnected and stored
 - the gas bottles are turned off
 - the jockey wheel is removed and stored
 - the levelling jacks are fully wound up
 - the door is locked
7. Release the caravan handbrake.
8. Finally, walk around the caravan for one last safety check!
9. Unlock door. Put away the items found under the caravan.