

Hitting the road in South Australia safely with your caravan or camper trailer

South Australia is full of amazing, picturesque places to explore – and travelling by caravan or camper trailer is a great way to fully experience them.

Before you head off, it's important to know your vehicle's towing capacity and ensure your towing equipment is suitable and safe.

Before you start your journey

Make sure the following checks are completed:

- All brake lights, indicators, tail lights are working.
- Tyres are in good condition and inflated to the correct pressure.
- Cupboard and fridge doors are securely locked.
- Gas cylinders are turned off.
- The jockey wheel, entry steps and levelling jacks are fully wound up.
- Items inside the caravan or camper are packed securely and evenly distributed.
- Safety chains are crossed and attached with **rated** 'D' shackles suitable for the Aggregate Trailer Mass.
- Split pins (also known as R-pins) are correctly fitted and secure.
- All mirrors, including extension mirrors, provide a clear view of the road and surrounding traffic. And remember: if you're using extension mirrors, be sure to take them off when you're not towing.

When travelling in regional or remote areas

If you are using your caravan in the country, you must carry an efficient fire extinguisher that complies with Fire and Emergency Services Regulations.



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Overtaking and being overtaken

Understanding how your caravan behaves when overtaking or being overtaken can help reduce sway and keep you safe.

- Regularly check your mirrors so you know when another vehicle is preparing to pass.
- Create extra space between your vehicle and the overtaking vehicle to reduce sideways movement.
- Ease off the accelerator to help other vehicles pass more quickly – it's courteous and improves safety.
- If you are travelling slower than other traffic, consider pulling over to let vehicles pass.

About the SA Police Road Safety Centre

The SA Police Road Safety Centre leads the way in road safety education across South Australia. Our programs help reduce road trauma by building the awareness, knowledge, and skills of all road users – supporting safer journeys through lifelong learning.

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