

SAFETY CHECKLIST FOR CARAVANS AND MOBILE HOMES

Before travelling

Escape Plan

- All travellers are familiar with escape plan.
- Travellers know where escape windows and hatches are located and how they work.
- Escape routes clear of obstructions.

Smoke Alarms

- Check smoke alarms are working.
- Store an extra battery in case replacement is needed during the trip.

Storage

- All clothes and bedclothes are stored well away from the kitchen area.
- All flammable liquids are stored outside the caravan or mobile home.
- Chemicals stored securely away from children and correctly labelled.
- Loose items in caravan or mobile home are secured for travelling.

Gas Cylinders

- All gas cylinders turned off while the caravan is being towed or mobile home engine is on.
- Gas cylinders stored outside unless a properly designed storage cupboard has been fitted.

While you are away

Cooking

- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Pots and pan handles turned aside so they cannot be knocked from the cooktop.
- Cooking appliances cleaned regularly.
- Tea towels and other flammable items kept away from cooking appliances.

Electrical

- Items with frayed cords replaced or disposed of.
- All appliances not being used are turned off before going to bed.
- Electronic devices plugged in only while charging, not for extend periods of time.

Other Safety Equipment

- Fire extinguisher fitted.
- Fire blanket installed.
- First aid kit installed.
- Fire extinguishers and fire blankets located near an exit for easily access.

After travelling

Maintenance

- Test safety switch.
- Gas cylinders, pipes and fittings checked regularly, particularly after driving on country roads.
- Used fire blankets replaced.
- Fire extinguishers are fully charged, inspected and regularly serviced.
- Electrical appliances checked for frayed cords and any other visible damage. Disposed of or replaced.
- Extension lead for connecting electricity supply to your caravan or mobile home is in good condition and of suitable size for the current load. Replace damaged cords immediately.
- Electric blankets checked regularly and stored correctly.
- Smoke alarm cleaned of dust and bugs regularly.
- Battery in the smoke alarm replaced at least once a year.

For more information:

- » visit www.qfes.qld.gov.au/community-safety/leisure
- » Caravan and Mobile Home Safety Information Sheet
- » Campfire and Camping Safety Information Sheet