

# 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 or in a properly designed storage cupboard

## 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 repaired 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 qfes.qld.gov.au/safety-education/travelling-in-queensland](http://visit qfes.qld.gov.au/safety-education/travelling-in-queensland)
- » Caravan and Mobile Home Safety Information Sheet
- » Campfire and Camping Safety Information Sheet