

# Get ready for a Motorhome trip

Whether you're a beginner or an experienced motorhome owner, set off on your holiday with confidence with our preparation and safety tips.



## Get to know your motorhome

Before setting off, familiarise yourself with your motorhome to avoid accidents. And if you're new to motorhoming, make sure to get some practice before your trip.

You can also connect with other like-minded people by joining forums and online communities. It will equip you with useful tips, help and guidance from other motorhome owners.

## Plan your trip

It's important to plan for your trip and decide where you'd like to go. You'll need a safe place to park your motorhome and, as campsites

can fill up fast, it's best to book in advance. Don't forget to check their conditions and what type of facilities they offer.

## Make a list

When you're packing for a motorhome adventure, you'll need a few camping essentials including:

- ✓ Gas
- ✓ Torches
- ✓ Matches
- ✓ Toolkit
- ✓ Levelling ramps
- ✓ Camping chairs and table
- ✓ Fire extinguisher



## Follow the rules

If you're new to motorhoming, don't rush – take your time to get comfortable driving this type of vehicle.

Make sure everyone is wearing their seatbelts, adjust your mirrors properly and always stick to the speed limits. And, of course, make sure you're licensed to drive a motorhome.

## Invest in tech

- Investing in technology for your motorhome, such as parking sensors, or tracking devices can pay off and gives you extra peace of mind.
- A rear camera can help assist you while driving and parking.
- You can also buy a motorhome satnav which suggests suitable routes for your vehicle type.

## Protect your motorhome

Whether you're preparing to travel with your motorhome or securing it at home, make sure you follow our checklist for keeping your motorhome safe and secure.

### When travelling

- Fit and regularly maintain your security alarm system to help deter thieves.
- Install an immobiliser to help prevent your motorhome from moving, even if it's hot-wired.
- Use a steering wheel lock and wheel clamps.
- Park in well-lit public areas, preferably campsites and areas covered with CCTV.
- Use an insurance approved vehicle tracking system to increase your chances of recovering your vehicle, if the worst happens.

- Use window locks and deadbolts to make it more difficult for an intruder to break into your vehicle.
- Keep valuable items out of sight and use a safe box.
- Never leave the keys in the ignition or unattended when you're not in the driver's seat.

### At home

- Make sure you choose a safe storage location, with good security and CCTV, and remove all your valuable items.
- You should store your motorhome in a storage site or, if possible, in a garage or locked building.
- If you keep your motorhome at home, consider installing CCTV and sensor lights to help deter potential thieves.



## Pre-travel checks

**It's always best to run through a checklist before your journey, especially if it's your first motorhome trip.**

- ✓ Make sure all objects are safely stored away and secured.
- ✓ Secure all cupboards and drawers and lock the tables.
- ✓ Turn the gas bottles off when driving.
- ✓ Pack away any ramps and steps.
- ✓ Close and secure all doors and windows.
- ✓ If your motorhome has been in storage over the winter, check your leisure battery.