



# Safety Checklist for Caravans and Mobile Homes

## Before travelling

### Escape plan

- Make sure you know where escape windows and hatches are and how they work.
- Keep 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

- Store all clothes and bedclothes well away from the kitchen area.
- Store all flammable liquids outside the caravan or mobile home.
- Store chemicals securely away from children and correctly labelled.
- Secure loose items in caravan / mobile home while travelling

### Gas cylinders

- Turn off all gas cylinders while the caravan is being towed or campervan engine is on.
- Keep gas cylinders outside unless a properly designed storage cupboard has been fitted.

## While you are away

### Cooking

- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Always turn handles aside so pots and pans cannot be knocked from the cooktop.
- Clean your cooking appliances regularly.
- Keep tea towels and other flammable items away from cooking appliances.

### Electrical

- Do not use appliances with frayed cords.
- Turn off all appliances not being used before going to bed.
- Do not leave electronic devices on charge or plugged into charge for extend periods of time.

### Other safety equipment

- Purchase a fire extinguisher.
- Fit a fire blanket in the caravan.
- Locate extinguishers and fire blankets near an exit where they are easily accessible.

## After travelling

### Maintenance

- Test safety switch before each trip.
- Gas cylinders, pipes and fittings should be checked regularly, particularly after driving on country roads.
- Replace used fire blankets.
- Make sure fire extinguishers are fully charged, inspected and regularly serviced.
- Check electrical appliances for frayed cords and any other visible damage.
- Ensure that the extension lead for connecting electricity supply to your caravan is in good condition and of suitable size for the current load. Damaged cords must be replaced immediately.
- Electric blankets should be checked regularly and stored correctly.
- Replace the battery in the smoke alarm at least once a year. 1st April - Don't be a fool!

**For more information visit [www.qfes.qld.gov.au/leisure](http://www.qfes.qld.gov.au/leisure)**

- Caravan and Mobile Home Safety Information Sheet
- Camping Safety



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