

DRIVING YOUR MOTORHOME

Ready to drive checklist

Motorhomes require a longer distance to stop and your turning radius is much wider than a car. Acceleration, braking and steering must be adjusted to reflect the vehicles increased weight and height. When a large vehicle is passing your vehicle, move to the side of the left lane, left wheels near the left shoulder to prevent loss of control or a collision. Give yourself twice as much following distance than when driving a car.

- Brake much earlier than you would when in a car
- Take corners more widely so you don't clip your back corners
- If traffic is building up, pull over at a layby or other suitable place to let people pass.
- Be careful when you park not to cause any obstruction
- Park facing outwards, making setting off again much easier.
- ALWAYS ask a passenger or passer by to step in and see you into a parking space.
- Position yourself as you approach junctions to see in both directions as best as possible. When making the turn, you may need to go further into the junction than you'd think.
- Avoid parking the motorhome in congested areas

Reversing your motorhome

Use a passenger as a spotter in ALL reversing situations, try to avoid reversing where possible.

- Check the area where the motorhome will be reversed for stumps, rocks, trees, branches, building overhangs and signs
- Position a spotter outside of the vehicle to guide you. Remember to roll down the drivers window so you can hear verbal commands.
- Press horn twice before reversing
- Reverse at a speed slower than a pedestrian would walk
- Ensure the spotter stands 2m away from the driver side back corner and always remains in sight of the driver through the side view mirror