

RV Safety

Just like other vehicles on the road, RVs are safe as long as you're vigilant and careful while driving or pulling them.

As an owner and operator, the responsibility of maintaining your RV or motorhome comes down to you.

You should understand your owner's manual to know what the manufacturer recommends for tire replacement and other general maintenance routines. Without this knowledge, you could be putting your passengers at risk.

There are also many electrical components to your RV that are critical to maintain. Follow the tips below to get the most out of your RV longterm.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

If you're new to the RV lifestyle, you know there is a considerable difference between driving it and driving your car. Before heading out on a long road trip, you should spend time getting to know the basic mechanics and driving requirements of your RV.

Start slowly by traveling local roads. This can help you get used to keeping your RV between the lines and sharing the road with other drivers.

Backing up with an RV hooked to your vehicle can be one of the toughest tasks for



inexperienced drivers. Get plenty of practice backing up your RV so you can handle the task without any issues at the campsite.

BUILD AN INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Here are some things to inspect before you leave for your trip. You should also consider looking them over quickly every time you make a stop for rest, food or gas.

- Hitch
- Tow vehicle
- Tires
- Propane tanks

GET REGULAR SERVICE CHECKS

Schedule routine service

checks with your local professional service center to keep up on general mechanical maintenance. Technicians can help keep your RV operating correctly, keeping you and your family safe on the road.

You may not consider fire to be a danger but according to the National Fire Protection Association, an estimated 20,000 RV fires break out every year. Other issues that can impact your travels include engine problems, tire troubles and low fluids.

Form a positive, long-term relationship with your local RV service company so you can keep your vehicle running for years to come.