



## Combined Caravan Clubs of Queensland Inc.

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# Road Accidents...

We highly recommend you carry a set of warning triangles or a safety beacon to protect you and to help warn other road users as well. If you are parked on the side of the road, ensure the headlights are switched off to avoid blinding oncoming traffic.

**You may use your UHF radio** to warn truckies and other road users of crashes or hazards ahead.

1. Stay calm.
2. Check for injury.
3. Call for assistance, including Fire, Ambulance, Flying Doctor and Police.
4. Don't leave your vehicle. Wait for help to arrive.

### **In Case of Injury**

1. Don't move the injured person if it can be avoided.
2. Apply first aid.
3. Call for assistance, giving full details of location and injuries.
4. Wait for help to arrive.

### **Shattered Windscreen**

1. Look out of the window or door to see where it is safe to pull over.
2. Fill demister vents with paper or cloth, this prevents glass getting into the vents.
3. Remove glass.
4. Wind up other windows.
5. Drive on slowly.
6. If the windscreen is just cracked, it may be safe to drive on. Replace as soon as possible.

### **Lost or broken down**

1. Don't panic.
2. Stay with the vehicle and wait for assistance.
3. Flag down or wait for help.
4. Make sure vehicle is visible.
5. Conserve food, water and energy.
6. If you become mobile again, advise authorities.

Queensland's outback is a diverse landscape. It can be dusty, muddy, flat or flooded. The roads can be empty but they can also carry ten-car-long road trains. You never know what's around the next bend. It's best to be prepared for every situation.

# Presents CARAVAN ON-ROAD ETIQUETTE



This document is aimed at improving your safety and enjoyment while travelling on the road. We welcome your comments and wish you many safe and pleasurable trips.

- Respect, assist and treat other road users including truckies, as you would like to be treated. Remember the truckies are at work and often on a time limit whereas you are more likely enjoying the drive.
- Behaviour towards other road users determines how we caravanners are categorised, as one bad example is enough to put all of us in that same category.
- We recommend towing vehicles should be fitted with a UHF Radio for contact with trucks and other road users. Communication is vital for safe overtaking in any conditions on any road.
- Channel 18 is widely recognised as the Caravan or Travellers Channel, though unofficial (within Australian Communication Guidelines) and with your caravan signed both Front and Back, provides an on road communication between you and other road users. These signs should include Channel 18, be at least 200mm in height and can include your names or a nickname to ensure correct contact.
- We recommend you consider a friendly wave of thanks if assisted by other motorists, or an apology if some conflict occurs, this can only lessen the chance of road rage. If everyone did this, the road would be a safer place.
- When you are aware a truck is behind you, maintain your speed as the truck driver will know when he can safely overtake you. You should not slow down or get halfway off a single lane road as this will only hinder the truck driver.
- When the truck pulls out to overtake, you may reduce speed if you can safely do so, as the truck can overtake you in a minimum of time.
- DO NOT park in recognised TRUCK ONLY Rest Areas.
- In shared Rest Areas please consider others and park in a sensible manner. Do not block exits for other road users and be aware that trucks are coming and going throughout the day and night.
- If you are a member of a 'caravanning convoy', don't travel too close together. Other road users will become frustrated if they are unable to overtake safely. The law requires caravans and other large vehicles, outside a built-up area, to leave at least 60m between each other. The distance is 200m in a road train area.
- If travelling in wet weather, double your following distance.
- Please do not use "fog" lights as Daytime Running Lights (DRL's) or at night. We do recommend headlights on or DRL's in the daytime, but with a van in tow many fog lights simply blind oncoming traffic and this becomes more of a problem in the rain with glare. You may consider checking headlight alignment with your van in tow and loaded for long trips.
- Regularly refresh your knowledge of new and existing traffic regulations.
- Ensure your tow vehicle and caravan are set up to comply with manufacturer's guidelines and road regulations.
- Be aware of Wide Loads and please respect the authority of the Wide Load Escort.

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