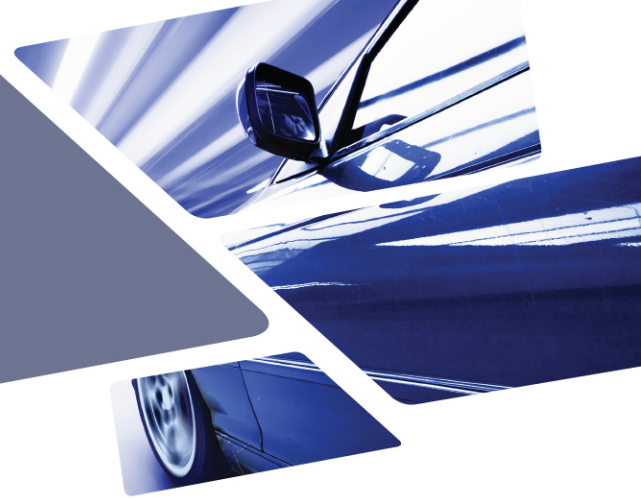


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## RV Safety Behind the Wheel

RVing can be a fun way to see the world and spend time with your family. But because it's bigger and heavier than an average car or truck, there are additional hazards that come with owning and operating an RV. Many RV accidents can be avoided by following these pre-trip, mid-trip and post-trip tips.

### Safe Driving Tips

#### Before the Trip

- ✓ **Know the weight capacity of your RV.**  
Not only is extra weight taxing to the RV's engine, chassis, brakes and tires, going beyond the manufacturer's recommended weight capacity can cause the RV to tip over during sharp turns.
- ✓ **Perform a complete pre-trip inspection.**  
Check the tire pressure, tread depth, headlights, taillights, turn signals, belts, oil levels, hitch and other towing equipment, and windshield wipers before heading out.



## Safety First

In the event that you get into an accident while driving your RV:

- Pull off to the side of the road and call the State Patrol or local police department.
- If possible, move the RV to the side of the road.
- If the accident involves two or more vehicles, make sure the other drivers are okay.
- Call us as soon as possible to report the accident.

#### During the Trip

- ✓ **Know your RV's height.**  
Many RV accidents are caused by hitting underpasses, gas station overhangs and low-hanging trees.
- ✓ **Watch your speed, especially at night and during dusk.**  
Your reactions are slower at night.
- ✓ **Use your high beams at night to see animals and other obstructions.**  
Always remember to turn them off when there is oncoming traffic.
- ✓ **Slow down on blind curve areas of the roadway.**  
Heavier RVs take longer to stop. Don't approach a turn too fast or you could tip the RV over.
- ✓ **Always wear a seat belt—it's your best safety defense.**

#### After the Trip

- ✓ **Clear out any food and garbage.**  
Mice, bugs and other animals can make a huge mess and cause damage if you leave trash lying around.
- ✓ **Store the RV in a safe, secure location.**  
This will keep out the keep animals and minimize rust and other damage due to harsh weather.

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