

Towing A Trailer Safely

Towing a trailer is very different from driving your vehicle normally, here are some simple tips to ensure safety on the road.

1.

Reversing with a trailer takes getting used to, it's a good idea to have someone outside the vehicle helping you at first.



2.

Remember to allow for the extra length and width of your vehicle with trailer attached, especially around corners and in merging traffic and overtaking.



3.

Allow for the extra weight of trailer and load by ensuring you brake earlier when stopping, and also do not brake sharply in wet conditions. Allow for reduced performance of your vehicle due to trailer and load.



4.

Use smooth accelerator, brake and steering movements to avoid trailer sway.



5.

If sway occurs do not apply brakes unless absolutely required.



6.

Allow vehicle and trailer to slow down naturally or maintain steady speed if possible.



7.

When travelling downhill use a lower gear to avoid unnecessary brake heating and wear.

