

Top safety tips

Motorhome safety on the move

1. Drive at a comfortable speed and build your confidence gradually — accelerate slowly and steadily, never exceed the speed limit, and be aware how the vehicle handles when in motion. Also be aware that it takes longer to stop in a larger vehicle, so brake a little bit sooner than you would in a car. Road speed limits are not always the same as cars, see the table below:

	Single Carriageway	Dual Carriageway	Motorway
Motorhome not exceeding 3,050kg unladen weight (without trailer)	60mph	70mph	70mph
Motorhome not exceeding 3,050kg unladen weight (with trailer)	50mph	60mph	60mph
Motorhome exceeding 3,050kg unladen weight but less than 12 metres in length (without trailer)	50mph	60mph	70mph
Motorhome exceeding 3,050kg unladen weight but less than 12 metres in length (with trailer)	50mph	60mph	60mph
Motorhome exceeding 3,050kg unladen weight and more than 12 metres in length (without trailer)	50mph	60mph	60mph
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2. Consider taking a motorhome manoeuvring course with the Club to increase your confidence on the road and on site

3. Consider the traffic — when driving a motorhome, be aware that you will probably be driving more slowly than most other vehicles. When you can, and it is safe to do so, pull over and let the traffic pass

4. Be mindful of low, overhanging branches and other overhead obstructions

5. Think about the weather conditions — as a motorhome is a high-sided vehicle, be aware of high winds. Also remember the buffeting that a motorhome can cause when overtaking other vehicles such as cyclists, motorbikes and horses

6. Remember that the vehicle is higher and wider than a car, so position your motorhome accordingly

7. Give cyclists and pedestrians a wide berth

8. Take care when cornering; slowly and easy does it. Take a wider angle so that you do not clip the kerb or cut the corner

9. Remember that motorhomes may handle differently under braking than a car. If you can, practice before you go out onto the open road

10. Inflate your tyres to the manufacturer’s recommended pressures and check them regularly for optimum fuel efficiency and safety

11. Consider leaving your motorhome on the campsite and use public transport, bikes or scooters to get into towns and cities — very often there are parking restrictions in force and manoeuvring can be difficult

12. For added safety on the move, consider fitting Tyron Safety Bands to your tyres. Tyron is a patented lightweight well-filler band that converts a standard steel or alloy wheel into a safety wheel. When fitted it may significantly improve the performance and safety of any wheel or tyre in the event of deflation. It assists you to maintain steering, cornering, braking and traction control, and provides a short run-flat capacity so you can choose a safe place to stop and change the wheel should you need to

13. Consider investing in a quality satellite navigation system that takes into account the size of your motorhome, such as [Club Navigation](#)

14. Fit industry standard child seats. Follow the instructions carefully, and ensure that the seat doesn’t move when pulled

15. If the catches on cupboards and doors are not sufficient to keep them closed in transit, consider upgrading them

16. Always turn off the gas bottle when travelling

17. If you find it difficult to reach the handbrake of your motorhome, the Kobram handbrake extender can make things easier

18. Finally, make sure that you are fully insured, so that should anything happen you are covered. Club Care offers unlimited windscreen cover for your motorhome, and £5,000 personal accident cover for you and your spouse, so you will be well-covered should anything happen to you or your motorhome while you are on the move. Plus, you will be included in a prize draw to win a luxury motorhome worth over £37,000 just for getting the quote!

