



# ROADSIDE SAFETY CHECKLIST

## STAY SAFE AND SANE DURING A VEHICLE BREAKDOWN

*Being stranded on the side of the road with a broken down vehicle is never fun but it's bound to happen to most of us at some point. And while it can be stressful, by following these tips, you'll stay safe, keep your cool AND your sense of humor.*

1. Keep the RV/vehicle as safe as you can, and pull over as far from the side of the road, traffic and passing trucks as possible. Take a few deep breaths.
2. Put on your safety gear – safety vest or other bright colored clothing, yellow or orange is ideal – so you are easily visible to other drivers.
3. Get out your safety cones, triangles or led flares and place them behind and on the traffic/road side of your vehicle.
4. Take a look (safely) at your RV/vehicle to see if you can determine the problem or at least be able to describe the symptoms to Roadside Assistance.
5. Wear eye protection such as safety goggles, especially around batteries or if you are underneath the vehicle looking up.
6. Determine and make a note of your specific location, road, mile marker, GPS coords, nearest cross street.
7. Call your Roadside Assistance provider with your membership number, vehicle details, exact location, describe the issue and expect a good long wait.
8. Weather permitting, try to stay out of the vehicle, put chairs out off to the side away from traffic, to increase your safety. If you feel unsafe, call 911 for law enforcement to come out and provide additional visibility and support.
9. Check your owners manual to see if you can troubleshoot any issues yourself.
10. Start researching local dealers, RV Service Centers or RV Mobile Repair Technicians that may be able to fix your vehicle. Don't rely solely on Roadside Assistance to save you!
11. If you think it's going to be a repair covered under your extended service contract, call your provider to advise of the situation. If you think you will be out of your RV overnight or longer, get approval for travel expenses (like hotel/meals) approved in advance.
12. Keep things in perspective and try to stay calm and positive – it will help you think more clearly, improve your communication and troubleshooting. Oh, and finding the humor in the situation will help you and your travel partner(s) see it all as part of the adventure!

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