

# TOP RV MISTAKES TO AVOID

## ALWAYS TRAVEL SAFE!

PRINT & CHECK EVERY TRIP



Use this quick checklist before you roll (and again when you arrive). The goal is simple: Prevent making the mistakes that turn into dangerous situations or costly repairs.

### CRASH / ROLLOVER PREVENTION

- Verified I'm not overloaded (GVWR/GCWR/GAWR, payload, hitch limits) and the load is within spec. You can get your rig weighed at a truck scale (small \$\$)
- My trailer/RV is loaded to reduce sway (heaviest items low and evenly distributed over the axles; no heavy "tail or nose loading").
- My hitch setup is correct and adjusted (weight distribution / sway control when needed; the trailer tows level).
- Driving for stability: slower speeds, bigger following distance, no sudden steering inputs or hard braking.
- I've checked the weather on the route for possible storms, lightning or high wind conditions.

### FIRE PREVENTION

- Smoke, Carbon Monoxide and propane alarms are tested; batteries are good; Fire Extinguisher is charged and reachable.
- Check campground power before plugging in (look for damage/heat; use surge protection when possible).
- Propane is treated seriously: if I smell gas, I shut off LP at the tank and ventilate—no guesswork.
- I don't leave cooking or any fire unattended; Nothing flammable is near burners, heaters, or vents.
- Electrical cords/adapters are heavy-duty and undamaged (no warm plugs, loose connections, or cheap "mystery" cords). No extension cords with too many things plugged in and power strips used where needed to protect expensive electronics.

### PREVENT EXPENSIVE DAMAGE (THAT CAN BECOME A SAFETY ISSUE)

- City water always use a pressure regulator (and check for leaks after turning water on).
- Tires are checked cold (pressure, sidewalls, lug nuts); Inspect for cracking, bulges, or uneven wear.
- Before moving, Do a full "walk-around": hoses/cords disconnected, steps/awning in, jacks up, doors latched, loose items stowed.
- When Backing - Go slow, check everything & set clear hand signals with a spotter before!!!!



Note: This checklist is for general safety awareness. Follow your RV and tow vehicle manuals, local laws, and manufacturer instructions.

More Info at <https://rvsetupchecklist.com> & <https://youllneverfindus.com>

