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### **Before setting off on a journey**

1. Check car tyre pressures - adjust for towing
2. Check wheel nuts for tightness using torque wrench
3. Turn of LPG cylinder(s) and ensure they are securely strapped upright
4. Empty water tanks, carry any water you need for the journey in a small container
5. Check nose weight of caravan
6. Secure any loose items in caravan, close windows, roof lights, fridge catch, and all catches
7. Set 12v control panel to 'car' or 'off' switch fridge to 12v
8. Once you have finished in the caravan, ensure the handbrake is fully on.
9. Raise the corner steadies and stow winding handle and step. Lock door
10. Hitch up – make sure the hitch mechanism is properly engaged.
11. Wind jockey wheel up, unclamp and rise to highest position. Re-clamp securely. Fit stabiliser bar (if used)
12. Attach breakaway cable, preferably to pigtail or secure part of the towing bracket - DO NOT LOOP OVER TOWBALL
13. Connect 12v cables making sure there is enough slack to turn corners.
14. Check all road lights are working
15. Fully release handbrake
16. Check all mirrors are adjusted properly
17. Walk around the entire unit for a final check - are all items secured away? (Tow ball cover, step, winding handle, step, chocks, etc.)
18. Is the caravan level or slightly nose down? Does the car sit level?
19. You are now ready to go. After about 15-20 minutes stop and make sure all cupboards, windows, doors and roof light are still secure.
20. Are the wheels cool? If not then you may have a binding brake get it checked.
21. Is everything still secure in caravan?
22. If everything is OK, continue with Journey.

Happy caravanning!

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