

Akarana Caravan Club Health and Safety

Things to remember

Fire safety

1. To make sure any fire won't spread, keep your outfit at the required distance from others.
2. Rally captains will conveniently locate the Akarana flag and alarm station at all rallies and will advise the Emergency Evacuation Assembly Point at the first meeting time of the Rally.
3. We recommend that you have a fire extinguisher, fire blanket and smoke alarm in your outfit. They should be checked and serviced regularly so they're always ready to use. Fire buckets are very handy, too, but must not be used on electrical fires. Please also carry a bucket suitable for carrying water.
4. Please ensure that you place your filled water bucket outside your van near the front for quick deployment in case of an emergency.
5. If fire breaks out, please raise the alarm at the alarm station and/or use loud verbal comment. Upon hearing an alarm, please uplift your water bucket and portable fire extinguisher and move quickly to the Assembly Point. Follow the Rally Captains' instructions. Keep your children safe by making them aware of the danger of emergency services rushing to the scene.
6. If you choose to assist fighting a fire, please ensure that it is safe to do so and always maintain a quick escape route.
7. **Carbon Monoxide kills. Keep barbecues out of caravans, motorhomes, awnings and tents.** Make sure you keep barbecues away from outfits and hedges and outside of awnings and tents - please don't leave them unattended. Let hot ashes cool down before putting them in the rubbish. Make sure exhaust from generators is properly vented away from occupied areas. Carbon Monoxide is a colourless, odourless, poisonous gas that can kill in minutes. Carbon Monoxide poisoning can be caused by any fuel that burns or smoulders. Barbecues can continue to give off Carbon Monoxide for 12 hours after they have been used.

Vehicles on site

1. For everyone's sake, please keep your speed down. The speed limit on all sites is 8 kph; that's a fast walking pace. Pedestrians always have right of way when crossing site roads. Please take care at all times especially when near play areas and when you're reversing.
2. When manoeuvring your vehicle on site, please always have a spotter to check for people or obstructions that may be in an obstructed sight line.
3. Make sure you follow any one-way systems.
4. When you've sited your caravan, where possible park your vehicle alongside with the handbrake securely applied.
5. Please ensure that you wherever possible with a minimum distance of 3m from neighbouring vans and do not park in such a way that you block the movement of other vans.

Roads, paths and tracks

1. Please take care walking on site roads and tracks, as they may be uneven.
2. When the weather's bad, paving slabs serving as paths often become slippery and may be uneven. If you see anything that looks hazardous, please tell the Rally Captains.
3. There are speed humps on many roads, so when walking take care. Don't walk or cycle under raised barriers in case they lower unexpectedly.

Lighting on site

1. Road lighting, on those sites where it's installed, is generally low-level subdued lighting and spaced to meet local authority restrictions, reduce the environmental impact and effect of light pollution.
2. We suggest taking a torch with you if you leave your caravan or campervan after dark.
3. We suggest sticking to a familiar route if you need to walk around a site after dark.

Weather

1. Frost or ice may be experienced during winter rallies. Rally Captains will do their best to identify any slipping hazards and mark with safety cones. However, please take care in high risk areas such as pathways, building entrances, toilet and shower blocks.
2. Site staff and members shouldn't risk their own safety to protect property in poor weather. Wait until conditions improve to take action.

Shower blocks

1. To keep site standards high, the shower and toilet blocks are cleaned daily. They'll be closed during cleaning.
2. Floors may be slippery, so please take care.
3. Take care when using showers and taps and test water temperature before getting into the shower cubicle.

Supervision of children

1. The parents or guardians are responsible for the safety of children in their care at all times whilst on site.
2. Play areas are never entirely risk free. Age restrictions will be indicated on the equipment and please remember you are responsible for your children on site.

Bikes, scooters and skateboards

1. Bikes, scooters and skateboards are allowed, but we ask you to keep your speed down to walking pace on the site and to be aware of uneven surfaces.
2. For the safety and consideration of others, we don't allow the use of petrol or electric scooters on site.

Animals and nature hazards

1. We encourage wildlife and maintain natural surroundings where possible, so take care when walking around the site. Tree roots and uneven ground are likely to be present. We advise you to keep your eyes peeled for hazards and wear appropriate footwear.
2. On sites located on or near to farms, take care if there are animals around. They can be unpredictable, so parental supervision is required. Please don't let children get close to the animals unless given permission by the farmer.
3. Always wash your hands after contact with animals.

Hard standings

1. Be careful on hard standings as they are often loose gravel and may be a trip hazard.

Electrical hook-ups

1. Electrical hook-up posts usually serve several pitches. Please make sure your cable is placed as close to the edge of the pitch as possible.
2. Please put any excess cable under your outfit so that loose cable becomes less of a trip hazard.
3. Don't coil your excess cable as it can overheat and catch fire.

Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG)

1. Most caravans and motorhomes have Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG) systems fitted as standard. We strongly advise that members have their gas system checked by a registered gas-fitter periodically.
2. Cylinders should be stored upright in the ventilated locker provided by the caravan or motorhome manufacturer.

Waste disposal

1. Please ensure that you take all the waste you generate with you at the conclusion of each Rally, including trash, recyclable waste, grey water and black water.
2. Only use on-site waste bins where permissions to do so has been obtained and advised by the Rally Captains.

Water

1. If your site is close to water, take extra care, especially if you have children with you.
2. Please warn your children of the dangers and ensure they are supervised at all times.