

Take 5 minutes to check

Towing – on the road

- When towing a trailer you are restricted to a maximum speed of 50mph on single carriageway roads, and 60mph on dual carriageways and motorways
- You are not allowed to use the outside lane of a three or more, lane motorway when towing, except where there are lane closures
- If you tow a small trailer without brakes, the weight of the trailer is limited to 50% of the kerb weight of the car or 750kg, whichever is less.
- Remember to allow for the extra length and width of your vehicle and trailer when taking corners or manoeuvring in a confined space
- Take a wide line to ensure the trailer does not clip the kerb, keeping a watchful eye on both door mirrors
- When reversing into a space, turn the steering wheel the opposite way to normal to start the trailer turning, then slacken off and turn the normal way to enable the car to follow the trailer.
- Try to practise in a large open space before you are competent enough to go out on the road.