

Trailer Towing Safety

Off The Road

Most trailer safety concerns are centered on towing the trailer down the road. But trailers can be just as dangerous off the road - when safety precautions are not followed.

Wheels must be chocked when trailer is uncoupled from vehicle.

1. Chock in direction of grade.
2. Position chock snugly behind tire.
3. Place chock square to the tire.
4. Tap chock into place.
5. For added protection, chock both sides of each tire.

Unexpected tilting of trailer can cause injury and damage.

1. When trailer is uncoupled from towing vehicle, use jack on front and block rear to prevent tilting.
2. Use proper blocks that are large enough and able to support the necessary weight.
3. Always chock the wheels when uncoupled.

Loose or incorrect hardware/fasteners can cause injury and damage.

1. Periodically double-check all nuts and bolts for tightness and condition.
2. If necessary, always replace any fastener with one of equal size, grade, and type.
3. Be sure the grade marks on replacement fastener match the original bolt. The manufacture's identification mark is not critical and does not matter for the replacement fastener.



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