

REST STOPS & SAFETY CHECKS

When on the road most of us stop every 2 or 3 hours to stretch our legs. We should take this opportunity to check a few things on the RV and tow or towed vehicle. This should become a routine safety check at every rest stop.

1. A quick look at each tire to see if any have low air pressure. Do not forget the inside tire on the dual axels. I like to give these a kick to be sure they still have good pressure. Truckers use a tire iron and listen for the sound.
2. A check of the wheel hubs temperature to see if any of them are hotter than normal. Be careful because they could be extremely hot if you have a defective wheel bearing or a dragging brake shoe. Before actually touching the hub just get close enough to feel the radiated heat. Excessive heat on any tire hub means you have a serious problem that has to be fixed before you can continue your journey.
3. Inspect the hitch, coupling and A-frame for any loose bolts.
4. And finally, check the main electrical and breakaway cable connections.