

Trailer Safety and Pre-drive Vehicle Inspections

Dear NETS Member,

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Tom Hickner with Dow submitted questions concerning pulling trailers and vehicle pre-drive inspections. Member responses follow Tom's full questions, below.

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Please contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Thank you to those who provided responses.

Yours truly,

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Question

- 1) Training materials on pulling a trailer - both inspection before driving and driving safely pulling a trailer
- 2) Practices on automobile pre-drive inspections - both inspection checklists and practices that encourage drivers to do the inspection rather than put the checklist in the glove box and forget it

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		Trailers	Pre-drive Vehicle Inspections
1	<p>Shell</p> <p><i>Mike Watson</i> <i>Mike.Watson@shell.com</i></p>	<p>We do not have any official training for light vehicle towing.</p> <p>Here is a link to NSW (New South Wales – Australia) Roads Authority for guidelines on this topic. It does not cover driver training on how to tow a trailer but it has very useful information. http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/registration/downloads/2005_10_towingtrailers.pdf.</p> <p>I also attach a link to a pre-delivery checklist for light trailers and caravans. http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/publicationsstatisticsforms/downloads/45071424.pdf</p>	<p>Visually inspect the Vehicle daily for roadworthiness including tyres and windscreen (windshield).</p> <p>This is the main mandatory requirement for all to follow. Depending on the location and type of vehicle additional requirements are shown on the attachments.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  Vehicle Daily Checklist and Defect I </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Vehicle Spot Checklist Review Fina </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Safety Inspection Report Light Vehicles </div>
2	<p>Sunoco</p> <p>Bill Sanicky <i>WMSANICKY@sunocoinc.com</i></p>	<p>We do not allow our vehicles to pull trailers. However, if Tom is looking for guidance, U-Haul has a nice set of instructions that he can use.</p>	