

BE PREPARED

When travelling horses you should always:

- Make sure you have a Phone *and charger* – your breakdown/insurance company will need to keep in touch with you.
- Keep details of your insurance company and breakdown service in your vehicle and make sure you have read and understood what your policy covers *including how your vehicle and horses would be recovered*.
- Know your tyre size and if possible carry a spare.
- Make sure you carry the correct fire extinguisher and it is easily accessible.
- It is a legal requirement to carry a horse's passports when travelling – professional transport companies may refuse to move your horses if the correct documentation is not present.
- Make sure you have enough water and hay even on your way home – you could end up being a couple of hours longer than planned.
- Keep extra rugs in your vehicle – even summer evenings can be cold, and you could be out later than planned.
- Keep spare head collars/ropes and any other loading equipment required for the horses you are carrying with you – as you may need to get them and onto another lorry.

If you are unlucky enough to have a breakdown, remember to:

- Call your insurer or breakdown provider
- If you are in a dangerous or vulnerable position, contact the emergency services
- Do not take your horses out of the vehicle
- In case of an engine fire risk – ensure you have easy access to the correct extinguisher and know how to use it
- Be prepared for a wait – on average, it takes 60-90 minutes for a commercial agent to reach you