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### Driving Safety For Music Festivals



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### Check, check and check again!

It is essential that your vehicle is legal and roadworthy before setting off, and that all fluids and tyre pressures meet vehicle manufacturer-recommended levels



If you're not confident doing this yourself, use The Motor Ombudsman's online Garage Finder to find an accredited garage to carry out a vehicle safety check for added peace of mind

If there are any issues when on the move, it is also a useful tool to help find a reputable business in what may be an unfamiliar area

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### 2 Stay replenished and refreshed

Pack plenty of food and refreshments (no alcohol) for the journey, as music festivals are synonymous with long queues and traffic

#### 3 Know the road ahead

There may be unexpected diversions or road closures to / from the festival. Familiarise yourself with alternative routes before setting off, and check that any digital maps work offline

#### 4 Document your trip

Have any windscreen stickers, tickets or booking confirmations to hand as hard copies, as limited signal may prevent downloads or access to information via any smartphone apps

### 5 Make space for parking

Take a photo of where your car is parked, and any visual clues to make it easier and quicker to get back and find it after the event

### 6 Power is everything

Pack a cable (e.g. USB) to keep your mobile phone fully charged whilst on the road, bring spare power banks, and check for charging points on route to top-up your EV on your journey

### 7 Stow and tow safely

Ensure that any luggage is correctly and safely stowed, and a trailer, roof bars and / or roof box have been securely fastened before use

### 8 Get full clarity

Clean any grime from windows, windscreens, registration plates and lights before hitting the road

#### 9 Don't be a stick in the mud

Heavy rain can make festival fields and car parks quagmires. Take suitable footwear for soggy ground, and a spare pair to avoid getting footwells, pedals, and seats muddy

#### 10 Security is paramount

Ensure all security devices are working, windows are fully up, and the vehicle is locked. Also, make sure any valuables are kept out of sight at all times