

## **Canoeing Ireland Trailer Towing Policy**

Please check the <u>Road Safety Authority licensing and vehicle requirements here</u> for towing before you arrange to collect any equipment from Canoeing Ireland.

Please be aware that the towing will fall under your personal insurance policy so please make sure you are able and insured to tow. All liability will be with the borrower.

The following guidelines should be observed:

- Towing journeys greater than 3 hours should be carried out by two persons.
- Towing vehicle and trailer must be visually inspected before departure and at each break to ensure roadworthiness. This inspection should include, but not necessarily limited to the following: tyre wear and pressure, hitch and lights working, balanced loading, vehicle fluid levels.
- Breaks should be taken at intervals not exceeding 3 hours.
- Towing should not be undertaken if the driver(s) are under the influence of alcohol, or illegal drugs, or suffering from lack of sleep. If under doctor prescribed medications, consultation with doctor and/or pharmacist should be taken prior to undertaking the journey.
- A weather condition assessment should be undertaken prior to the start of and at regular intervals during the journey.
- Speed limits must be observed. Remember the speed limit when towing in Ireland is 80km/hr.

If you have any questions on the above, contact info@canoe.ie.

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