



# Trail Preparedness Self-Assessment

## Purpose

*This self-assessment helps you check the trail preparedness of your vehicle, its driver and passengers. No one will be conducting a test or inspection – that's your job.*

## Vehicle and Equipment

See link: [Mandatory and Suggested Equipment](#) from the Club website.

- Is your vehicle is properly maintained and in good operating condition?
- Are you satisfied you are carrying the listed equipment that applies to your skill level, planned trails, your vehicle and your budget?
- Do you have vehicle liability insurance?

## Driver and Passenger Protocols

See link: [Driver...Guidance for the Trail](#) from the Club website.

- Are you familiar with why and how we stay together on the trail?
- Are you familiar with Club-expected Safety and Courtesy behavior on the trail?

## Recovery Winching - Applies to rigs on each end of the winch line.

- Breaking a winch line or other rigging component is unnecessary and dangerous. Are you familiar with [4WD Winching Safety Considerations?](#) Be familiar if you have a winch, or think you may ever need to be winched-out by others.
- Are you familiar with [The Warn Basic Guide To Winching Techniques?](#)

## Radio Communications

- The Club uses GMRS radios, which will transmit more than 2 watts. Are you familiar with the FCC licensing requirements for GMRS radio users as detailed on our [Licensing Guide Sheet?](#)
- Are you familiar with the maximum power levels for the various available GMRS channels, as listed on our GMRS [Power Level Guide Sheet?](#)
- Do you hold your handheld radio for best signal strength, with the antenna close to vertical?