

Secure Your RV: Comprehensive Safety & Security Checklist

Before hitting the road or storing your RV, use this checklist to protect your property, belongings, and peace of mind. These are the same steps used by experienced RV owners to prevent theft, break-ins, and costly damage.

1. Entry & Window Security

- Replace factory door locks with keyless entry or RVLock systems.
- Install window dowels in sliding window tracks.
- Use motion-sensing exterior lights by all entry points.
- Keep curtains closed when away to conceal the interior.

2. Exterior Compartments

- Replace all storage compartment locks with barrel locks keyed alike.
- Use padlocks for propane tank brackets—do not key-lock propane doors.
- Secure spare tire with a chain and lock.
- Inspect compartment seals and hinges for tampering.

3. Catalytic Converter & Undercarriage

- Attach a removable motion detector near the catalytic converter when parked.
- Engrave your VIN or phone number on the converter for ID.
- Park near lighting or cameras to deter thieves.
- Install a skid plate or cage for added protection.

4. Lighting & Surveillance

- Install solar or battery-powered motion lights on each side of the RV.
- Use wireless Wi-Fi cameras with two-way audio and local storage.
- Leave a few interior lights on a timer when away.
- Keep camera batteries charged or connect to solar.

5. Power & Connectivity

- Use solar panels or plug into 110v power to maintain batteries.

- Add a mobile hotspot or Starlink connection for 24/7 alerts.
- Check all cables and connections monthly.
- Avoid leaving heavy extension cords exposed.

6. Storage Facility Security

- Choose fenced facilities with barbed wire and 24/7 lighting.
- Confirm active camera monitoring and recorded access.
- Park on concrete or asphalt away from vegetation.
- Select a spot near lighting and avoid dark corners.
- Verify 24-hour gate access via code or card.

7. At-Home RV Parking

- Install a 30A or 50A outlet for continuous power.
- Add a gate if required by HOA; keep the area paved and enclosed.
- Use outdoor lighting and security cameras pointed toward the RV.
- Keep tires covered and batteries maintained.

8. Personal Safety

- Install a small safe for cash, documents, and firearms.
- Keep emergency numbers and insurance info inside the RV.
- Store a basic self-defense or first-aid kit onboard.
- Disclose firearms at military bases if applicable.

Stay secure wherever you travel. Visit RetireCoast.com for more RV safety tips, storage advice, and equipment recommendations.