TOWING A TRAILER

Never exceed the maximum weights for either the vehicle, or the trailer. Doing so can cause accelerated wear and damage to the vehicle. It can also adversely affect vehicle stability and braking, which in turn can lead to loss of control and increased braking distance resulting in a rollover or crash.

To preserve handling and stability, only fit Land Rover approved towing accessories.

Never use towing eyes, or lashing points to tow a trailer. They have not been designed for this purpose, and doing so may cause them to fail resulting in injury or death.

When towing, do not exceed 100 km/h (62 mph) for Station Wagons and 80 km/h (50 mph) for Soft Tops.

TRAILER ELECTRICAL CONNECTION

When a trailer electrical connection is made, and the vehicle's direction indicators are used, the trailer warning lamp will flash. See **29, WARNING LAMPS AND INDICATORS**.

ESSENTIAL TOWING CHECKS

- The trailer should be parallel to the ground when loaded and connected to the vehicle. This is particularly important when towing twin axled trailers.
- When calculating the laden weight of the trailer, remember to include the weight of the trailer, plus the weight of the load.
- If the load can be divided between the vehicle and trailer, loading more weight into the vehicle will generally improve stability. Do not exceed the vehicle's weight limits.
- Ensure that all applicable regulations and legislation are complied with when loading and towing a trailer.
- Increase rear tyre pressures of the towing vehicle to those for maximum vehicle loading conditions.
- Ensure trailer tyre pressures are set to trailer manufacturer's recommendations.
- If the vehicle is already loaded to maximum Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) and any nose weight up to a maximum of 250 kg (550 lb) is applied (braked trailer only), then the vehicle payload must be reduced to ensure that neither the GVW nor the Maximum Rear Axle Weight is exceeded. See **56, TOWING WEIGHTS**.
- Ensure that a suitable breakaway cable or secondary coupling is used. Refer to the trailer manufacturer's instructions for guidance.
- Ensure that the tow ball is secure.
- Check the operation of all trailer lights.

Do not loop the breakaway cable over the tow ball as it may slide off.