



NatMeet IX  
McLaren Vale, SA  
2-6 April, 2010



## Convoy rules for NatMeet 2010

The Mazda MX-5 Club of South Australia employs some basic convoy rules when travelling in large numbers. Please follow them at all times this weekend.

### General information

Drivers will be allocated to colour-coded convoy groups, each with a leader, 'tail-end-Charlie', and a different 2-way radio channel.

Groups are to assemble by the specified times, ready to depart at 5-minute intervals.

Advise your convoy group leader of any planned absence from a run or emergency stop en route.

In the (we hope unlikely) event of an incident, report to the NatMeet Chair after taking necessary on-the-spot action.

### Rules

**Keep in your convoy group; no passing** while driving in convoy.

**Keep a 2-3 second safety margin between cars:** ie, your required braking distance at 100km/h.

**Keep both the MX-5 in front of you and the one behind in sight at all times:** ie, don't race off, leaving them out of visual range, and when turning wait at the intersection until the next car has taken your place.

**Indicate early** before changing lane or direction: ie, give plenty of warning to following cars.

**Observe all other road rules, speed limits, and convoy leaders' instructions** with respect to route hazards, venue entry/exit safety, car parking, etc.

If the general public get held up by/caught up in the convoy, our drivers are to pull over (where safe to do so), allowing them to pass and the convoy to re-group.

**Keep radio channels clear** for leader and tail-end-Charlie communications.





### Key numbers:

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| • NatMeet IX Chair, Lynne Trethewey | 0402 428 986   |
| • Ambulance / SA Police:            | 000            |
| • RAA emergency assistance:         | 13 11 11       |
| • McLaren on the Lake - reception:  | (08) 8323 8911 |
| • McLaren Vale Motel - reception:   | (08) 8323 8265 |

## In the event of an incident

If required, notify the police of the incident.

1. **Stay calm.**
2. **Contact the convoy leader** by radio or mobile phone, to halt the convoy. If the leader is out of radio or phone range, contact someone else on the convoy and ask them to relay the message.
3. **Make the road safe for other users:**
  - a. make sure all stationary vehicles are off the road surface (if possible)
  - b. place a person a reasonable distance either side of the incident to alert oncoming road users.
4. **If no-one is injured**, assess if the vehicle/s involved can be driven.
  - a. If so (and depending on the level of damage), arrange for the vehicle/s to rejoin the convoy or make their way to the nearest centre where appropriate help is available
  - b. If not, assess what help is required at the site and contact appropriate assistance. If this assistance cannot be raised by mobile phone, arrange for a mini-convoy of 2-3 cars to drive to the nearest centre to organise help (ensure at least one of these has a mobile phone).
5. **If one or more participants are injured ...**
  - Call **000** for an ambulance. Using the 'run notes', give an accurate location of the accident.
  - Protect yourself (ie, the 'first aider').
  - Check for immediate life-threatening hazards – eg, high tension power lines down, leaking fuel.
  - Check the conscious state of the patient.
  - **If the patient is conscious:**
    - Keep them in the vehicle unless they are in danger.
    - Attempt to control any dangerous bleeding. Do not splint any fractures.
    - Keep them warm and wait for the ambulance to arrive.
  - **If the patient is unconscious, check:**
    - **A Airway:** no blockage [tongue, teeth, lolly etc]. Clear if necessary.
    - **B Breathing:** patient is breathing once every 3 to 5 seconds.
    - **C Circulation:** check the patient's heart rate. Place two fingers into the groove next to the 'Adam's apple' on the patient's neck and count the pulse over one minute.
  - If breathing and circulation are confirmed and the patient remains unconscious, support the patient's neck by holding both sides of the head and maintain a head position that ensures the patient's chin is held off the chest. This ensures a clear airway.
  - If not breathing, or pulse is absent, remove the patient from the vehicle and commence resuscitation.
6. Please notify NatMeet Chair, Lynne Trethewey, that an incident has occurred (0402 428 986).