

Code of Conduct

1. The Code of Conduct

This will apply at any show, rally or event at which MVPG members are attending, whether or not the group is involved with the organisation of such an event. It is intended to safeguard both MVPG members and public from injury and danger.

2. Vehicle Condition

It is the duty of all members to ensure that their vehicles are maintained in a safe and roadworthy condition at all times.

3. Vehicle Movement Generally

Vehicles should move through a showground only in accordance with the wishes of the organisers. Headlamps should be illuminated and horn or siren warnings considered. When on static display consideration should be given to the chocking of the vehicle road wheels.

4. Tracked Vehicle Movement

Tracked vehicles should not move through crowds unless absolutely necessary. In which case responsible adults wearing high visibility clothing should walk ahead and to the side of the vehicle to warn members of the public.

5. Vehicle Speed

Vehicles should be driven at a reasonable speed at all times, having full regard to the number of people present at the event.

6. Driver Qualification

(a) Any vehicle being driven as at 3 and 4 above should be controlled by the holder of a current full driving licence and insured for that class of vehicle, who is driving with the full permission of the owner and, above all, who is familiar with that particular vehicle.

(b) Outside public opening times a properly supervised provisional licence holder is permitted to drive provided that the vehicle is displaying L Plate s and there is no risk or danger whatsoever to other persons present at the event.

(c) At no time should a child be in charge or control of a vehicle. This includes vehicles left with ignition keys in place or with the engine or machinery in motion.

7. Vehicle Insurance

Owners must ensure that their vehicles are covered for both road and off road use as required and that all drivers are similarly covered. It is the responsibility of the driver to confirm insurance cover with the owner before taking charge of the vehicle. Normal road insurance does not apply at off road events.

8. Restricted Driver Vision

If any vehicle has restricted driver vision, a responsible adult must act as vehicle commander. He must be in clear two way contact with the driver. It is the commander's responsibility to ensure passenger safety, especially when persons are mounting or dismounting from the vehicle, which should be done other than by, using the tracks or wheels as footrests.

9. Projections

Drivers must ensure that any projections outside the normal overall width, length and height of their vehicle such as whip aerials or ring mounted replica machine guns, are properly secured before moving off, especially when moving through crowds.

10. Passengers

No passenger vehicle may carry more passengers than the number of seats on that vehicle and/or in accordance with licence qualification. They must be correctly seated and children properly supervised by parent/guardian. On fully armoured, tracked vehicles, no passengers or crew must be carried on the exterior of the vehicle under any circumstances. On amphibious vehicles, all crew and passengers must be equipped with floatation devices or life jackets when water-borne.

11. Firearms and Explosives

There must be absolutely no discharge of any firearms, barrelled weapon, thunder flash or other explosive device at any event without prior written authority from the event organizer and local authority. Replica and deactivated weapons (guns) are not to be carried outside the showground. Deactivated weapons should always be accompanied by the appropriate documentation.

12. Offensive Weapons

Bayonets and knives must not be unsheathed when moving around the showground. They may be unsheathed only as part of a static display and equipment and must never be left unattended.

13. Uniforms

Uniforms and equipment must be worn responsibly outside the showground. Care must be taken to avoid unit and rank badges and especially medal ribbons to which the wearer is not entitled, as this constitutes an offence. Uniforms should be worn correctly and in context.

14. Noise

No excessive noise should be made or generators used on a show site or camping site between the hours of 11.00p.m. and 7.00a.m.

15. Personal Discipline

The MVPG is represented by its members and members are deemed to be responsible for the behaviour of their invited guests. Whether driving, being carried as a passenger or performing safety – oriented duties as outlined above, standards of deportment and politeness must be maintained so that the group is presented to the public as a caring responsible organisation.

16. Infringement of Code of Conduct

Serious infringement of this Code of Conduct at a show will be dealt with by any committee member present at the time of the offence and subsequently will be reported to the MVPG Committee for further action if considered necessary.