

THE CODE OF CONDUCT

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

1. VEHICLE CONDITION

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

2. VEHICLE MOVEMENT GENERALLY

Vehicles should move through a showground only in accordance with the wishes of the organisers. Headlamps must be illuminated and horn or siren warnings considered.

3. TRACKED VEHICLE MOVEMENT

Tracked vehicles must not move through crowds unless absolutely necessary. In which case responsible adults must walk ahead and to the side of the vehicle to warn members of the public. Judicious use of an advance warning vehicle is recommended (see (2) above).

4. VEHICLE SPEED

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

5. DRIVER QUALIFICATION

(a) Any vehicle being driven as at (2) and (3) above must be controlled by the holder of a current full driving licence 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' plates and there is no risk or danger whatsoever to other persons present at the event.

(c) At no time should a child or non-licence holder be in charge or control of a vehicle as this could invalidate any insurance policy. This includes vehicles left with ignition keys in place or with the engine or machinery in motion.

6. VEHICLE INSURANCE

Owners must ensure that their vehicles are covered for 'off road' use 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.

7. RESTRICTED DRIVER VISION

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

8. 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.

9. PASSENGERS

No passenger vehicle must carry more passengers than the number of seats in the vehicle. They must be correctly seated and children properly supervised. 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 flotation devices or life jackets when water-borne.

10. FIREARMS & EXPLOSIVES

There must be absolutely no discharge of any firearm, barrelled weapon, thunderflash or other explosive device at any event without prior reference to the organisers or an executive or local MVT

Committee member present at the event. Replica and deactivated guns must be carried only during static displays or during arena events. they must not be carried around the showground when the public are in attendance.

11. OFFENSIVE WEAPONS

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

12. UNIFORMS

Uniforms must not be worn 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. No Nazi symbols or SS uniforms will be permitted at MVT events, failure to comply can lead to expulsion from the showground.

13. NOISE

No excessive noise should be made or generators used on a show site or camping site between the hours of 10.30 pm and 7 am.

14. PERSONAL DISCIPLINE

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

15. FIRE PRECAUTIONS

All members will carry a suitable, modern type fire extinguisher on their vehicles. All stallholders at MVT events will have an extinguisher available within their stall space. Serious infringement of the 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 MVT Safety Officer for further action if considered necessary.