

## L'assistance et la sécurité sur le Raid

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To ensure that the event is properly supervised, the 4L Trophy™ has a team of 200 adventure rally adepts. Safety is the overriding priority.

The organisers are in charge of safety on the 4L Trophy™ routes.

To ensure the safety of hundreds of participants, the 4L Trophy™ draws on the skills of a group of professional organisers and advisors, including :

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- The event directors
- Around 30 marshals
- Three IT experts who manage the arrival and departure check-ins
- An assistance team for participants
- Mechanical assistance consisting of two Bivouac utility trucks and 4WD vehicles which can intervene along the trails.
- Medical assistance consisting of doctors and first-aiders.
- A helicopter
- A lead vehicle
- Broom wagons
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All the members of the organising and assistance teams are connected by VHF radio and satphone.

### **Respecting the Highway Code**



It goes without saying that the Highway Code is to be respected throughout the rally, including before and after (in France and Spain).

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phatically not what the event is about and random controls will be carried out along the route. Any breach of the rules will be penalised, and crews which pose a danger to others may be disqualified.

Seatbelts must obviously be worn at all times throughout the event, including on the road connections.

### **Compulsory safety equipment**

As indicated in the Technical Preparation section, vehicles must be equipped with an extinguisher, two distress flares, two spare tyres, a medical kit etc.

### **Medical Assistance**



A medical team consisting of doctors and first-aiders are in charge of prevention (individual forms to be filled out in Algeciras) and of monitoring the rally.

This team is complemented by the UMPS (Mobile First Aid Unit), a team of professionals with experience in dealing with emergency situations in exceptional circumstances.

### **Mechanical assistance**

To assist vehicles in difficulty, there are 50 mechanics divided into two teams:

#### ***A ground team***



On the route, 4WD vehicles are there to provide mechanical assistance. They are spread out along the line of participants' vehicles. Several vehicles also bring up the rear of the convoy and provide assistance to the Renault 4Ls which are struggling the most.

## □ *A Bivouac team*



Around 20 mechanics work shifts day and night at the mechanical repairs station set up each day on the bivouac.

Mechanical problems are dealt with at several different repair points (electrical problems, engine problems etc.).

Three fully-equipped utility trucks complete the set-up.