

Sandown Carnival Safety Advice



THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART IN SANDOWN CARNIVAL!

One of our responsibilities when organising the procession is to keep all participants and spectators as safe as possible and to remind participants of the various rules which relate to their involvement.

The advice below should be followed to help keep you, your group, and spectators safe whilst enjoying the carnival fun.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- ✓ Please **nominate an adult member** of your group **to be responsible for all aspects of safety**, and to act as a point of contact between your group and Sandown Carnival stewards both before and during the event.
- ✓ Although First Aid personnel are on duty, it is advisable to carry a small kit and to familiarise yourself with the location of the First Aid station(s). If First Aid is required, please contact the nearest steward for assistance.
- ✓ We suggest that **drinking water** is carried to stop the effects of dehydration.
- ✓ **Children must have** an adequate number of **adult supervisors**.
- ✓ We discourage spectators from throwing coins and other objects as this can cause serious injury; in return the **spraying of water and throwing of objects into the crowd is strictly prohibited**.
- ✓ The **consumption of alcohol** whilst in the procession is **strictly prohibited**.
- ✓ It is your responsibility to ensure that any **electrical items are safe for outdoor use** and are waterproof. You should also remember that incandescent light bulbs can get very hot.
- ✓ Check out the weather forecast and **come prepared for the expected weather conditions** – for instance on hot days ensure that you have an adequate supply of sunscreen and water.
- ✓ Should you have any problems, **there will be stewards along the procession route**, and they are there to provide you with assistance should you need it.
- ✓ **IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY DIAL 999 IMMEDIATELY AND THEN INFORM THE NEAREST STEWARD**

PEDESTRIAN ENTRIES

- ✓ If you are wearing a large costume, be prepared for the effects of wind. It is always a good idea to have someone help you with it and monitor your fatigue. Remember that costumes are often flammable so stay away from sources of heat.
- ✓ If you have children in your walking group, keep them together and away from moving vehicles. Ensure you have enough adult helpers for the number of children in your group.

FLOAT SPECIFIC ENTRIES

- ✓ All floats will have to undergo a health & safety inspection prior to being allowed to take part in Carnival. Floats not meeting basic requirements will not be allowed to take part without modification.
- ✓ All vehicles should carry a working fire extinguisher and drivers should know how to use it.
- ✓ Floats must not exceed 4 metres in height.
- ✓ The towing vehicle and trailer must be in a legal and roadworthy condition. The trailer must not exceed the maximum towing capacity of the vehicle.
- ✓ The driver of the towing vehicle is responsible for the general safety of the vehicle, towing mechanism, break-away cable, and general sturdiness of the float. This includes correct licensing for use of the vehicle & trailer combination on the public highway and adequate insurance cover. Anything that could fall from the float must be secured.
- ✓ The driver of the towing vehicle must always have a clear view of the road ahead and both sides of the float.
- ✓ The use of adults to walk alongside the float who can clearly be seen by the driver is recommended to provide additional observation during the procession.
- ✓ If there are people on your float, you should ensure that secure restraints are provided. These may consist of securely attached seats with belts, handrails, webbing, or harnesses as applicable. You should keep the number of people conveyed on the float to an absolute minimum. Bear in mind that some parts of the procession route are on considerable gradients and cambers and there will be lots of corners to turn in both directions.
- ✓ The driver should follow Stewards' directions and keep up with the procession avoiding significant gaps as this encourages spectators to fill the road ahead.
- ✓ The driver should pay particular attention to spectators trying to cut across the procession in the road ahead of them, and those crowding at the roadsides. Special consideration should be paid when turning corners.
- ✓ Keep your vehicle in a central position away from spectators lining both sides of the road just in case someone is pushed or falls into the road ahead; always expect the unexpected!
- ✓ Nobody should ride on a float with their limbs hanging over the edge or go between the towing vehicle and trailer when it is in motion.
- ✓ Passengers should only climb on or off your float when the vehicle is stationary and braked.
- ✓ If you are using a generator, take all necessary precautions when filling, and store fuel away from sources of heat and in approved containers. The use of a diesel generator is advisable.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING PART IN SANDOWN CARNIVAL WE HOPE YOU HAVE A SAFE AND FUN TIME, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN!