

Boise Holiday Parade Association Presents



Saturday, November 29th at 9:45 a.m.

FLOAT SAFETY CHECKLIST & RULES KEEP THIS LIST

1. The visibility of the driver should not be obstructed. The driver should be able to see the front and both sides of the float. A spotter can be used to keep the driver aware of any danger or changes to or on the float.
ALL FLOAT MATERIALS MUST BE FLAME RESISTANT PER CITY FIRE CODE.
 2. Make sure your spotter/ walkers are being used to assist the driver of a self-propelled float.
 3. A fire extinguisher must be available in the vehicle and on the float.
 4. No flammables can be stored on the float nor can there be any open flames.
 5. All rotation and spinning parts need to be guarded.
 6. The float may not have any sharp and/ or protruding parts.
 7. Riders must be provided with secure seating areas, or leaning devices for those standing.
 8. Tires should be in good condition and properly inflated to carry the load.
 9. Electrical services to or on the floats need to be checked for grounding and damage to the wiring. Suggested items to check would include, but are not limited to, lights, action equipment, audio equipment, speakers, etc.
 10. The vehicle exhaust should not exit where it could affect riders. On a towed float this means the exhaust should exit from the side and not the rear of the towing vehicle.
 11. **To keep children from running onto the road, nothing can be thrown or dispensed from the floats. This includes, but is not limited to: candy, toys, favors, balloons, advertising materials/coupons, etc.**
 12. Floats must not exceed 14 feet in height, 20 feet in width, and 60 feet in length.
 13. No one, walking, riding, or on a float can be dressed in a Santa Claus outfit or resemble Santa Claus in any format. Santa and Elf hats are acceptable, however.
 14. Noise level must not exceed 95 decibels. ***This includes sirens or air horns of any kind.***
 15. TOWED FLOATS must be securely attached to the towing vehicles. This can be by a standard hitch and ball or a pintle hook and eye configuration. **In addition, ALL towing vehicles must be decorated to match the theme.**
 - A. The hitch and ball must be secure and in good condition. Homemade hitches must be sturdy enough to handle the load and certified by the fabricator.
 - B. Pintle hook and eye hitches must have locking pins in the hook to assure it will not open during use. Each part must be secure and in good repair.
 - C. Safety chains or cables must be used.
 - D. Electrical hook-ups, if used, should be checked for continuity, grounding, and condition of the cables.
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