

CONDITIONS OF PARADE ENTRY

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IS PROHIBITED TO ALL PARTICIPANTS BEFORE & DURING THE PARADE.

In the case of an emergency arising, there must be some form of communication between the float occupants, walkers and the driver - a bell arrangement would be ideal. Shouting cannot always be heard above the carnival music or noisy engines! Should someone fall near the wheels of a float, being able to stop IMMEDIATELY is essential.

Combe Martin Carnival Committee has Public Liability Insurance, but you are required to provide suitable insurance cover that is specifically for the carnival Float. It is better to check before it is too late. Cover can be arranged with a local insurance broker. Proof of insurance cover will be asked for when submitting your float entry

Make sure that tow bars and tow pins are properly fitted. These will be checked prior to commencement of the Carnival Parade. The use of safety clips and chains is recommended. Ensure that brakes are adequate on the float and that tyres meet current legal requirements.

On conclusion of the procession, it may be dark enough to require lighting for your homeward journey. Take care not to dazzle other road users. The use of side parking lamps might be advisable in the case of long trailers.

Entrants are reminded that it is an offence to allow persons to travel on floats whilst travelling to and from the parade. During the procession, children must be seated and adequate handrails should be provided. No one will be permitted to ride on the tow bar or footrest of a tractor etc. or in any positions likely to cause injury to themselves or the public.

At least two walkers must accompany each float. Nothing must be thrown or sprayed from floats during the parade. Giveaways must be distributed by walkers only.

Failure to observe these conditions will render a float liable to removal from the carnival procession and forfeiture of any prizes awarded.

Above all, remember the safety of your passengers. Carry a first aid kit, fire extinguisher and a torch.

During any Carnival event, it is not permitted to collect money for any organization other than Combe Martin

Carnival unless you have been given permission in writing from the Carnival Secretary, sight of which will be required before any such collection may commence.

Any person or persons breaking this regulation will be required to leave the parade immediately.

CARNIVAL SAFETY CODE

1. Read the conditions of entry CAREFULLY - they will contain useful information and will answer most queries.
2. WHEN PREPARING THE FLOAT:
Make sure that there are no loose objects to fall or roll off the float and that there is no dangerous overhang or anything overhanging the sides, and make sure the float is not too high so as to interfere with the overhead cables etc.
3. WHEN TAKING THE FLOAT TO AND FROM THE PARADE:
Do not allow persons to ride on the float, (it is illegal). Remember the float will travel faster to and from the parade than in the procession itself. If large, provide an escort. If after dark, make sure it is well lit.
4. WHEN RIDING ON THE FLOAT IN THE PROCESSION:
Never ride on the tow bar between the towing vehicle and trailer. Children should be seated and adults should be seated if possible. Adequate handrails or harnesses should be provided. DO NOT JUMP ON AND OFF THE FLOAT. Remember, stopping and starting can catch people unaware, causing loss of balance.
5. WALKING ATTENDANTS IN THE CARNIVAL PROCESSION:
Take care and avoid getting too close to the float wheels. Do not chase coins that may roll under the float. If towing a generator, avoid walking between the back of the float and in front of the generator. Don't encourage spectators to come too close to the float. When stopping and starting, check that nothing is in the way of the float, especially spectators and animals.
6. Check that adequate arrangements have been made for children to get home safely. Anyone walking home after dark should carry a torch and wear reflective clothing.
7. Useful tips regarding the law and trailers can be found on the website at www.combemartincarnival.com. Pay attention to driver visibility, vehicles length and height. Adequate lighting and reflective 'long vehicle' boards may be required.