

The Carnival Safety Code

The carnival organisers reserve the right to remove any entry that does not conform to these rules and regulations.

1. When preparing the float make sure there are no loose objects to fall or roll off, there is no dangerous overhang, the exhibit is not too high to interfere with overhead wires, flags etc.
2. Make sure that the vehicle you use is able to negotiate its way around the town.
3. Road crew: it is your responsibility to risk assess your entry and provide adequate road crew to supervise your float. Full South Devon Carnival Association safety guidelines are available on the Fair Week website at www.kingsbridgefairweek.co.uk, please contact us if you have any queries.
4. When riding on the float in the procession –
 - never ride on the tow bar between the towing vehicle and trailer or cross between the two.
 - children should be seated and secured, and adults should sit if possible unless adequate hand holds are provided. One day only floats should be double roped to prevent anyone falling from the float. Stopping and starting can catch people unaware, throwing them off balance.
5. Walkers in procession –
 - Take care and avoid getting too close to float wheels.
 - Keep clear of sides of floats in narrow places, you could get trapped.
 - Don't encourage spectators to come close to the float and keep an eye on children on the float.
 - When stopping and starting in the procession, check that no spectators have moved in the way of the float.
 - Water, flour etc thrown from floats onto the spectators will mean instant disqualification and withdrawal from the procession.
6. PLEASE NOTE: All money collected during the procession must be handed to the committee as the procession returns to Waterside Park for dispersal. NO money is to be collected on any floats in the procession except clearly marked collecting vehicles. All monies collected become the property of Fair Week.
7. **Under no circumstances will the consumption of alcohol be allowed by the driver, anyone being carried in or upon a Carnival Float or any member of the road crew, prior to or during the Carnival. Failure to adhere to this advice will mean withdrawal from the procession.**
8. Insurance claims in case of accident –
 - Kingsbridge Fair Week have public liability cover
 - Float owners and drivers: please check that you have adequate insurance for your entry.

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Useful tips with the law in mind.

- **Dimensions** – floats must not exceed 18.3 m in length, 2.9 m in width, with not more than 305mm overhang on sides, and 512mm minimum height. Any vehicle that does not comply requires a 'VSO' from the Police Traffic Unit.
- **Brakes** – please ensure there is adequate braking on the carnival float and its ancillary. Each unit should have its own braking system, whether this be hand brake, mechanical foot brake, transmission brake or assisted brake.
- **Towbars and Towpins** – make sure that all drawbars are substantially connected, properly fitted, and that an adequate towpin is used together with a safety clip. This pin should be a good fit in the towbar eye. Use of a safety chain is recommended where possible.
- **Tyres** – tyres should satisfy the following conditions: (a) all LGV tyres must have a tread depth of at least 1mm across $\frac{3}{4}$ of the breadth of the tread and around the entire circumference of the tyre. For the remaining width of the tyre, the base of the original grooves must be clearly visible. (b) Tyre wall is sound and not perished. (c) No wire or canvas is exposed on any part of the tyre. (d) Inflation pressures are correct and adequate for the purpose. (e) Tyre is of the correct specification for its function.
- **Lights** – all floats must have adequate lighting facilities, so that the foremost and rearmost units can easily be seen, and provide reasonable visible warning to other road users. In some instances side marker lamps are recommended so that the full size of the float is readily assessed.
- If using a separate generator trailer it must be towed to and from the carnival separately from the float.
- A means of communication, either verbal or radio, must be available between driver and passengers on the float to halt the vehicle immediately should the need arise.
- It is a legal requirement for all floats with petrol/diesel generators to have a fire extinguisher accessible for use at all times. All fire extinguishers must meet British Safety Standards.