

Newport Carnival Safety Advice



The safety of our participants, spectators, volunteers and the wider public is our priority.

To help us deliver a safe and enjoyable carnival, all entrants are asked to follow the guidance below and ensure their entry is planned, prepared and operated safely.

General Safety

Every group should:

- Nominate a responsible adult to oversee safety and act as the main point of contact for carnival stewards.
- Ensure children and young people have suitable adult supervision **at all times**.
- Carry drinking water, especially during warm weather.
- Check the forecast and prepare for the conditions.
- Follow instructions from carnival stewards throughout the event.

Please remember:

- Alcohol must **not** be consumed by participants while taking part in the procession.
 - Throwing objects, including coins, sweets or water, towards spectators or other entries **is not permitted**.
 - Keep a **small first aid kit** available where possible. First Aid personnel will be available at the carnival, and any incidents should be reported to the nearest steward.
 - In an emergency, call 999 first, then inform a carnival steward.
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Pedestrian Entries

Groups taking part on foot should ensure:

- Children remain together and away from moving vehicles.
 - Sufficient adults are available to supervise younger participants.
 - Large costumes and props are managed safely, particularly in windy conditions.
 - Participants wearing costumes take regular breaks to avoid fatigue or overheating.
 - Costumes and props are kept away from flames, generators and other heat sources.
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Float & Vehicle Safety

All floats and vehicles must be safe, suitable and fit for purpose.

Before taking part:

- Vehicles and trailers must be road legal, insured and suitable for the procession.
- Drivers must hold the correct licence entitlement.
- Towing vehicles, trailers, couplings and break-away cables (where fitted) must be checked and secure.
- All decorations, props and equipment must be firmly attached.
- A suitable working fire extinguisher must be carried on all vehicles.

Newport Carnival reserves the right to inspect floats before the procession. Any entry considered unsafe may be refused participation until appropriate safety measures have been put in place.

Passengers & Float Restraints

Passenger safety is essential.

- Keep the number of people carried on floats to a minimum.
 - All passengers must remain safely within the designated area of the float.
 - Passengers must be safely restrained whenever the vehicle is moving.
 - Seated passengers must use suitable seats with lap belts or seat belts.
 - Standing passengers must be safely restrained whenever the vehicle is moving. Suitable waist restraints or similar systems must be used to prevent passengers falling or being ejected from the float.
 - Additional safety measures, such as secure handrails, webbing or other protective systems, are strongly advised but must not be relied upon as the sole means of preventing a fall. Any restraint or tethering system must be securely fitted and of a suitable length to prevent a person falling from the float, becoming caught, or being dragged alongside the moving vehicle.
 - Children and young people under 16 must be **securely restrained at all times**.
 - No person should sit on the edge of a float or allow arms, legs or other body parts to extend beyond the sides.
 - Passengers must only board or leave a float when the vehicle is stationary and secured.
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During The Procession

Drivers and passengers must:

- Follow instructions from carnival stewards.
 - Maintain a safe speed and avoid sudden movements.
 - Keep a safe distance from spectators and other vehicles.
 - Avoid large gaps forming within the procession. If your entry has loud music, please allow sufficient space to prevent your music overlapping with the float ahead.
 - Take extra care at corners, junctions and areas with large crowds.
 - Be prepared to stop if required.
 - Larger floats should, where possible, have responsible adults walking alongside to assist the driver and monitor safety.
 - If a vehicle is required to reverse, it must not do so without a suitable banksman assisting the manoeuvre.
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Electrical Equipment & Generators

If your entry uses electrical equipment:

- Equipment must be suitable for outdoor use and kept weather protected.
- Electrical items should be maintained and tested where required.
- Take care with lighting equipment, as some lights can become hot.

If using a generator:

- Refuel before arriving at the event.
 - **Do not** refuel during the procession.
 - Position generators safely away from participants and spectators.
 - Diesel generators are recommended where possible.
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By entering Newport Carnival, you confirm that you have read and understood this safety advice and accept responsibility for ensuring your entry is operated safely.

By following this advice, you help us create a safe, enjoyable and memorable event for everyone.

We hope you have a fantastic carnival and thank you for taking part.