

PARADE SAFETY



Policy C021

1. **POLICY STATEMENT**

Processions and parades occurring in the Town of Banff must adhere to guidelines of **safety** for parade participants as well as members of the public watching parades or processions.

2. **PURPOSE/BACKGROUND**

The policy arises out of safety concerns which have arisen in past parades, when riders throw candy or souvenirs from floats, a practice which encourages spectators to run into the roadway to retrieve the item.

Also, riders often are not securely seated or standing on floats and vehicles, which is a safety concern should a sudden stop of the vehicle be required or a collision occurs.

3. **DEFINITIONS**

Float - a moving display, vehicle, or any other form of transportation carrying persons along a roadway within the Town of Banff during a special event involving a parade or procession.

4. **PROCEDURE**

- a) The parade coordinator (organizer, manager, etc.) is responsible for providing this policy to all parade participants and ensure that they implement and adhere to these regulations.
- b) Parade organizers must have no less than three walkers accompanying the parade with one (1) parade walker required for each block of length of parade. These walkers must wear safety vests and be in radio contact with each other. They should be spaced out along the parade (one at the front, one at the rear, through the middle, etc.).

If parade walkers see an infraction of any of the following regulations, the situation must be corrected and the float organizer warned. If it happens a second time, the float organizer should be advised that they are not permitted to participate next year's parade and the Town of Banff Recreation Department must be advised, through an incident report, of the situation.

Regulations

- 1) Each float rider must have appropriate body support, seatbelts, or hand holds bolted to the float. In the case of seatbelts, the belts must be worn on the outside of the costume. In special cases, the Parade Coordinator may authorize the use of railings around the perimeter of the deck. This railing must be of solid construction with top and intermediate rails. The top rail shall be a minimum of 36 inches above the deck.
 - 2) **Float riders are not permitted to throw anything from the floats.** If the float sponsor wishes to distribute candies or souvenirs to the parade spectators, they must have walking participants accompanying the float and distributing the items by handing them out or tossing them away from the roadway.
 - 3) Float organizers are not permitted to have float riders on vehicle roofs or on roof racks.
 - 4) Float drivers must have clear 180 degree vision.
 - 5) Float drivers and other participants on the float must have RAPID means of escape in an emergency.
 - 6) All decorative material must be fire retardant.
 - 7) No flammable materials may be carried on the float.
 - 8) All motorized floats must have a working and fully serviced ABC Dry Chemical fire extinguisher. All fire extinguishers must be readily accessible to the driver operator.
 - 9) No smoking, consumption of alcoholic beverages, or use of prohibited drugs allowed on any float.
 - 10) Floats may be a maximum height of 15 feet from the ground and must be capable of clearing all obstacles.
- c) The ultimate responsibility for safety lies with each individual entry. Entries must comply with all of the above regulations and must implement any relevant government regulations, safety codes, manufacturers' recommendations and similar standards necessary to safely operate floats and equipment
- d) The Town of Banff obliges and grants authority to parade coordinators and their staff to remove any entry where safety measures are, in the parade coordinator's or staff member's opinion, inadequate.

- e) Parade coordinators should familiarize themselves with the Town of Banff Traffic Bylaw provisions, and in particular its rules for parades and processions.
- f) Offenders of this policy will not be permitted to participate in future parades until improvements to their float are completed to the satisfaction of the Recreation & Cultural Services Department.

5. REVISION HISTORY (YMD)

93 01 25 New, with amendments