

Safety Tips for Apple Blossom



Parade Fun and Safety

Apple Blossom parades and activities are a fun family excursion, but you definitely need to take precautions. When attending these events, the Winchester Fire and Rescue Department suggests a few things to keep in mind to make the events safe and enjoyable for the entire family.

Parking...

- All normal parking regulations apply. Double parking will not be permitted.
- Observe all Special Event parking signs along route.

Weather...

- If you hear thunder, seek shelter immediately.
- Over exposure to the sun at any age can be cause for concern. Your eyes and skin are the most susceptible.
- Wear clothing to protect as much of your skin as possible.
- Use proper sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF).
- Wear a hat. Consider a wide brim hat as it protects the neck, eyes, forehead, nose and scalp.
- Wear sunglasses that block UV rays.
- Limit direct sun exposure. UV rays are most intense when the sun is high in the sky between 10 am and 4 pm.

General Safety...

- No fireworks are to be discharged beyond your property or around other people. Fireworks are not permitted on public property, leave them at home.
- Know the safe occupancy limits and exit locations when visiting local restaurants and night spots. Report all unsafe conditions.
- Keep behind all barricades; they are there for your safety.

Driving...

- Plan your route, leave early, and be sure to include alternate routes.
- Be extra careful driving or walking near parades and parade routes.
- Drive carefully, watch out for pedestrians.

Spectators...

- If separated from family members, designate a meeting place prior to the event. Develop your emergency plan.
- Drink responsibly and hydrate with water often.
- Don't forget your medications if needed.
- Do not block intersections with chairs and coolers.
- Do not approach a float or other vehicle until it comes to a complete stop.
- Do not approach horses or other animals in the parade unless the rider indicates that it is okay.
- Respect the marching bands and units.

Home Safety...

- Never leave unattended candles burning or appliances on when leaving your home. Check your smoke detectors.
- Grill safely designating a "No Play Zone" around your grilling area.
- Do not wear loose clothing while cooking.
- Do not overload decks, porches or balconies with visiting guests.

Emergency Medical Support

- The Emergency Medical Aid Station location will be at the corner of Gerrard St. and Cameron St. (end of parade). The EMAS will be operational during both parades on Friday and Saturday.
- Emergency medical support units will be spaced along the parade routes.
- Know your location along the parade routes. The use of 911 will direct the closest medical units in your area.