

LAUNCESTON CARNIVAL

HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

Revised August 2026

ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE HEALTH & SAFETY AT WORK ACT 1974 SECTION 2 (3)

It is the policy of the Carnival Committee to do all that is reasonably practicable to safeguard the health & safety & welfare of the volunteers, entrants & all visitors to the event.

The onus for safety rests with the Carnival committee, volunteers, float organisations & drivers.

The Committee respectfully remind those taking part of their responsibilities with regards to health & safety of all other persons involved with the event.

Carnivals are an important part of the colour & culture of local communities. However it is with the utmost importance that these events are run in a responsible manner & with a full consultation with the Police, Cornwall Council, Highways Agency, Cornwall Fire & Rescue service, NHS Ambulance Service & any other agency that is involved with the event,

All entrants to our Carnival must abide by the following regulations:

- 1 The vehicle & any trailer forming part of the float must comply with section 40A of the road traffic act 1988, amended in 1991.
- 2 A certificate of insurance or suitable indemnity must be in force covering the use of the vehicle & float in the carnival. The vehicle must have a valid road licence cover (Tax Disc) & an MOT certificate.
- 3 The float vehicle or trailer must be of a sound construction. All trailers must be attached to a towing vehicle with a safety chain / wire rope. All floats will be inspected prior to procession by a competent person, who has the final decision on the vehicles inclusion in the procession.

4 All equipment & displays etc must be securely attached to the float in such a manner that it will not become detached whilst going up or down a hill or when stopping.

5 All vehicles that are towing a trailer must comply with the weight restrictions & have brakes on the trailers that are designed for the purpose to prevent any collision with the float in front or behind.

6 All passengers on the floats have to be provided with safety equipment by the float organisers to prevent them from falling from the float whilst in the procession & no float is to carry more passengers than is considered safe for the area of the float.

STRICTLY NO ALCOHOL IS TO BE CONSUMED PRIOR TO OR DURING THE PROCESSION BY DRIVERS, PASSENGERS OR SUPERVISORS.

7 Each float must be under supervision by a suitable person who will walk alongside the float. The supervisor must be in contact with the driver at all times. Should the supervisor have any concerns with the float, the float must be stopped until such time as it is deemed safe to proceed. **At no time must any water, flour or other substances be thrown from the float**, if this is observed from any float, the said float will be immediately expelled from the procession at the next suitable exit on the route.

8 No passengers shall be carried on a carnival float unless it is in the procession. Whilst the float is in the procession the maximum speed shall not exceed 5MPH. No one is to climb on or off the float whilst the float is in motion.

9 Vehicles which have trailers attached must have a means of preventing any person crossing between the vehicle & the trailer.

10 Each float should carry a fire extinguisher & small first aid kit for their immediate use. The carnival committee will have in place in each section a senior marshal that will provide any assistance required & will be in direct communication with the control team who can organise the services of any emergency service needed.

11 All entrants to the carnival whether a float or walking entry, must at all times be prepared to follow any instructions given by members of the carnival control team, senior marshals or volunteers.

The above requirements have been compiled in the hope that the carnival is a safe event & full of fun for all those who take part.

**PLEASE INCLUDE A COPY OF YOUR “PUBLIC LIABILITY
INSURANCE” WITH YOUR ENTRY.**

Please display the certificate below on your float or towing vehicle in full view to all marshals. Failure to comply with this instruction may disqualify the entry from the procession

**THIS VEHICLE HAS BEEN
CERTIFIED SAFE AND PROPERLY
DOCUMENTED BY THE ENTRANT.**

NAME_____

SIGNATURE_____