



Fair Safety

The Cabarrus County Fair takes many precautions to keep you and your family safe during your visit, including working with a variety of agencies to ensure compliance with all local, state, and federal regulations. Below are some of the safety precautions you can count on when visiting your Cabarrus County fair:

- **OSHA Compliance:** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is the Federal governmental organization that enforces safety regulations for safety in the workplace
- **NC Department of Labor** on site checking every nut and bolt for all ride inspections
- **NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services** ensures the livestock and livestock areas at the fair are safe for both fair patrons and the animals
- **Cabarrus County Risk Management** onsite ensuring that safety practices are being adhered to at all times
- **Security:** Sheriffs presence and personnel join together to constantly patrol the grounds for your safety and protection
- **Sheriff's Department, Fire Department & EMS** on site for emergencies
- **Fire Marshall Inspections** to ensure structure safety
- **Hand Wash & Hand Sanitizer Stations** located at livestock areas, bathrooms and other locations throughout the fair
- **Food Safety Inspections** by the County Health Department
- **First Aid/Lost & Found** located on the fairgrounds at the Cabarrus County Sherriff's booth on the midway next to Gold Hall

Safety Tips

General Safety Tips

- Pay attention to weather forecasts and prepare appropriately.
- Be sure to use sunscreen and sunglasses to protect you from harmful UV rays. Remember, even on overcast days UV rays are still powerful enough to burn skin so remember to use sunscreen.
- On hot days make sure you drink plenty of water to stay hydrated.
- Wear closed toe shoes like tennis shoes, not flip-flops or sandals, to protect your feet.
- Be aware of your surroundings and know where you will go if you need to seek shelter from an unexpected thunderstorm.
- Wash your hands after petting animals, and always before eating.
- Read all instructions when viewing animals. Some animals should not be touched.
- Remember "If you see something, say something." If you see people or activities that seem suspicious, report your observations to the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Department 704-920-3000. If you believe danger is imminent, contact local deputies working the fair or call 911.

Safety Tips for Kids and Caregivers

- Teach kids to stay calm and stay put if they are separated from parents or other caregivers. Knowing what to do in this scary situation will help prevent a lost child from panicking, and help safety officials locate them faster.
- Keep a watchful eye on children. It's easy for children and caregivers to become separated in large crowds.
- Have an established family plan of a location where you will meet if separated.
- Check with county fair organizers and ask for 'missing parent' contact tags your children can wear with your name and cell phone number in case your child becomes separated.
- If you do become separated from your child, notify fair personnel immediately.
- Teach children to stay put as soon as they realize they are lost. Wandering children are more difficult to find because their location keeps changing.

Amusement Ride Safety Tips

- Read all posted rules and listen to instructions given by ride operators.
- Watch the ride with children before boarding. Point out the operator and the entrance and exit locations prior to riding. Make sure they fully understand the instructions and warnings.
- Keep all body parts (hands, arms, legs, long hair, etc.) inside the ride at all times. If you have long hair, keep it pulled up with a hat or hair tie.
- If you can't count on a child to stay seated with hands and feet inside, don't let them ride.
- Always use the safety equipment provided (seat belt, shoulder harness, lap bar, etc.).
- Obey minimum height, age, and weight restrictions. Never sneak children onto rides if they are too small or too young. A smaller/younger child may not be physically or developmentally able to stay safely seated.
- Remain in the ride until it comes to a complete stop at the unloading point. If a ride stops temporarily due to mechanical failure or other reasons, stay seated and wait for an operator to give you further instructions.
- Know your physical conditions and limitations. If you suspect that your health could be at risk for any reason, or you could aggravate a pre-existing condition of any kind, do not ride.

Have a safe and memorable time at the fair and always keep safety your #1 priority!