



Memo

To: Black Hills Area Council, Boy Scouts of America Scouts and Leaders

Fr: Mike "Smiley" McGinnis, Scout Executive/CEO

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Re: Parade Floats and Hayrides, Guide to Safe Scouting

We have been receiving phone calls and in one case, an accident report, regarding the Guide to Safe Scouting in dealing with Parade Floats and Hayrides. Scout Safety is paramount. Please review the rules on Parade Floats and Hayrides below, right out of the latest version of the Guide to Safe Scouting online.

Should you decide to not follow these recommendations, please visit with your Chartering Organization; so that they know you are not going to follow the Guide or recommendations!

Please protect yourself and the Scouting Organization as a whole when *considering* lowering the standards on safety. Please don't do it. Our insurance policy covers those who follow the standards; please don't ruin it for everyone. It only takes once.....sorry.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your Commissioner. Thank you for your consideration and time.

Parade Floats and Hayrides

The BSA rule prohibiting the transportation of passengers in the backs of trucks or on trailers may be tempered for parade floats or hayrides, provided that the following points are strictly followed to prevent injuries:

1. Transportation to and from the parade or hayride site is not allowed on the truck or trailer.
2. Those persons riding, whether seated or standing, must be able to hold on to something stationary.
3. Legs should not hang over the side.
4. Flashing lights must illuminate a vehicle used for a hayride after dark, or the vehicle must be followed by a vehicle with flashing lights.

The Guide to Safe Scouting can be found at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety.aspx>.

