



## OCONOMOWOC AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT HOMECOMING PARADE SAFETY GUIDELINES

- **PROVIDE 2 ADULTS to walk along parade route with float. A third adult should be on the float with the children. Direct spectators back to the edge of the road. Candy can be handed out along the sidewalks.**
- **DO NOT THROW CANDY FROM THE VEHICLE.**
- All City, County & State ordinances must be followed during the event. Any participant who violates city, county or state ordinances or creates a public safety hazard will be referred to the appropriate authorities
- All parade vehicles/floats must be structurally sound and safely designed. The main platform must have no holes or hollow areas where someone could fall through. All standing persons must have something on which to hold (i.e. a railing, pole, handle, etc.) or they must be seated at all times.
- Two people need to be in the pulling vehicle with one being a full time spotter for the driver.
- No vehicle in the parade shall stop in route to load or unload passengers
- No one will be permitted to ride on the roof or hood of a moving vehicle
- Parade moves at a set pace, please follow accordingly to ensure that the parade begins and ends on time and that everyone has a safe and enjoyable time
- Parade entries must maintain appropriate distances (one car length) from the entry in front of them. Large gaps between entries can pose a safety hazard as can following an entry too closely.
- **For the safety of parade attendees, throwing items such as candy, etc., from the float or vehicle will not be permitted. You may walk along the sidewalk and hand out candy. Entries identified as throwing items risk future parade participation.**
- Persons riding on floats should have proper footing/seating and should not hang any appendage over the sides of the float.
- Parade participants should not jump from or onto a float or motorized vehicle
- Ensure that float decorations do not obscure the driver's view of the road and that drivers/operators can hear verbal instructions.
- Entry should easily travel the parade route, turn corners and fit under traffic signals.
- The height of the entry needs to fit under trees and traffic devices encountered on the parade route.
- Due to overhead electric wires, floats may not exceed 16' in height.
- Floats or participants which seek to present political or campaign messages may not state or imply that the School District or its schools support or endorse the messages.
- Equal time will be made available for all floats or participants which seek to present any political message or endorsement.
- The District reserves the right to exclude, at any time, any float or participant for failure to conform to the guidelines and to control the content of the float's or participant's presentation: Inappropriate or offensive float or participant messages, handouts, costumes or conduct will not be tolerated.