



## THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

The City of San Diego proudly hosts many annual parades ranging from local to national events. The parades take place in several communities within the city and celebrate most major holidays throughout the year.

The City's Risk Management Department is charged with assessing liability exposures arising from special events/parades.

Our office has received an increasing amount of complaints from the public regarding being hit from objects thrown, sprayed, or tossed from the floats in our parades. Due to these complaints and any potential claims that could arise from such activity, the Risk Management Department has issued the following mandate for all host organizations, vendors, and participants in San Diego parades:

**The Risk Management Department strictly prohibits the throwing, tossing, or spraying of any objects, fluids or substances from any vehicle or float participating in a parade in the City of San Diego.**

Failure to comply with this policy will result in one, or all of the following:

- **Violating participants being ejected**
- **Increased limits of Liability Insurance**
- **Increased staffing to ensure compliance (staffing costs to be incurred by violator)**

We encourage every host organization to forward this memo to each parade participant.

Our greatest concern at any special event is the overall safety of the event for its organizers and participants, as well as the general public. The implementation of this requirement will increase the overall safety for all involved parties and minimize the city's risk exposure.

If you or your parade participants have any questions regarding our "No-Throw" policy, please contact our office directly. We thank you in advance for your compliance as we look forward to continuing our proud tradition of excellent parades in the City of San Diego.

Thank you,  
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