

Subject: Safety is top priority of Plumas Sierra County Fair
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Have you ever tried to have fun while you were worrying? Anything that stands in the way of a good time at the Plumas Sierra County Fairgrounds is bad for business. That's why the staff at the Fair go out of their way to insure every visitor is safe and worry free.

The Fair Industry in California has a relatively good safety record. Part of that good record is due to the safety efforts of the California Fair Services Authority. At the Plumas Sierra County Fair, the CFSA sends one to two inspectors at fair time to inspect each ride and food vendor. As for the carnival, they check ride logs, operator training and the actual ride for smooth operations, welds and properly working safety features. It helps that the Carnival provider takes safety equally serious. World Amusement, carnival operator at the fair in Quincy, has zero tolerance for workers that do not follow proper safety procedures. The result has been no serious injuries in recent years.

Food safety is covered by both State and County inspectors. Officials, as well as fair staff, look for properly set up and operating equipment, proper refrigeration, food handling knowledge and cleanliness. Fair staff constantly monitors food vendors, and on several occasions, have asked a concessionaire not to return the following year.

Maintenance and office staff conduct and attend monthly meetings regarding safety in the workplace, as well as the safety of the public.

It's nice to know you and your family will be able to eat safe, if not nutritious, food, and can enjoy the carnival rides with confidence. However, whenever you bring thousands of people together in a confined space, a whole different set of concerns arise. A lost child is every parent's nightmare. A successful example of dealing with lost children is Code Adam. The program was developed by Walmart as a procedure to find lost children quickly. It was used twice at the 2010 Fair. After it was activated, gates were sealed, a description went out to all staff and volunteers and both children were found; one in 16 minutes, the other in 2 minutes.

The efforts are ongoing at the Plumas Sierra County Fairgrounds to keep every visitor, employee and volunteer safe. The public is encouraged to pass on anything they may see that appears unsafe to fair staff immediately. The only thing the Fair wants a guest to worry about, is whether to ride the Scrambler too soon after eating a corn dog.