



Threshing Show Safety Rules for Equipment/Displays

Safety is a state of mind. WE MUST ALWAYS KEEP SAFETY THE FIRST ITEM OF OUR SHOWS, OR WE WILL HAVE NO SHOW!! THINK SAFE, ACT SAFE AND BE SAFE. Safety requires adherence to certain standards and procedures. These operating regulations and safety rules will govern owners and operators of all equipment/displays at the show. **This includes: tractors, stationary equipment, miniature engines, equipment, etc.** If there is no written information on a situation, **COMMON SENSE** prevails! If in doubt, **DON'T!! Please see the SPV rules for small personal vehicles regulations.**

We have been fortunate in not having serious accidents. We want to keep it that way. The rules are for the protection of the Show organizers, you, the exhibitors, and the visitors coming to our show. We appreciate your reading and understanding these directions and your agreement to follow these rules but participating in the show.

OPERATIONS (ALL)

1. Be alert and be careful. Safety must always come first!! If in doubt, ask someone who knows. Your knowledge and skill is what makes each of us safe and courteous operators.
2. Do not make adjustments while equipment is moving or operating.
3. Block wheels if there is a danger of moving or rolling of the tractor or engine.
4. All areas having operating stationary equipment should be roped or fenced off (threshing, planters, etc.).
5. **NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 16 MAY OPERATE EQUIPMENT OR DISPLAYS ALONE EXCEPT DURING THE PARADE, AND THEN ONLY WITH PARENTAL PERMISSION!**
6. Except in an emergency, no Equipment/Displays shall be operated above 5 MPH during the days of the show.
7. Each steam engine or boiler **MUST HAVE A LICENCED OPERATOR IN ATTENDANCE**. The operator must have a Minnesota Steam Traction License (Hobby License) or a 2nd Class Grade A License or higher. License must be in possession at all times. A licensed engineer is required to be in attendance whenever there is steam pressure. **ENGINES MAY NOT BE LEFT UNATTENDED.**
8. No small personal vehicles ("SPVs" – ATVs, golf carts, etc.) are allowed on the show grounds unless they have been registered at the SPV Registration and display their tag. **Only a person 18 and older with a valid state ID may register and drive any SPVs on the grounds.** Please see the SPV Registration Policy for all rules.
9. **NOTE: Equipment/Displays ARE NOT ALLOWED ON MAIN STREET AT ANY TIME DURING THE SHOW!!** (This does not include equipment driving in the daily parade)
10. Any **MISUSE, ABUSE or HORSEPLAY** with motorized units on the grounds and you will be escorted from the property, **NO REFUNDS available. Operation by underage operators is included.**
11. Failure to follow these rules will result in prohibition of use of the Equipment/Displays on the grounds, and if necessary, expulsion from the show.

FUEL TRACTORS AND ENGINES

1. Know where the fire extinguishers are and how to use them.
2. Parade time: Follow the Parade Marshall's directions. Parade Marshall decisions are FINAL.
3. No more than one operator at a time on small tractors. **NO FENDER RIDING**. Experienced adult supervision is requested for younger or inexperienced operators. (Final responsibility remains with primary owner/operator).
4. Be extremely careful when handling fuel.
5. Turn off fuel tank valve when parked.
6. Tractors/equipment are encouraged to have blocked tires/wheels when parked.
7. Be careful when pulling equipment. Have an adequate hitch pin.
8. When doing belt work, be sure tractor is in alignment with equipment. Belts slipping off may cause serious accidents. The operator of the machine is responsible for seeing that people are a safe distance away before starting machine. (Ask people politely to move out of the way-don't YELL! People may not be aware of the dangers.)