

## Safety Tips for Parents:

Parents are responsible for deciding whether an attraction is appropriate before placing a child on an amusement ride.

- Never force a child to go on an amusement ride, especially those that leave the ground; a frightened child on the ground becomes a terrified child in the air.
- Explain appropriate ride behavior to children: keep hands and feet inside; do not stand up; remain seated until the ride stops; hold on and obey the attraction operator's instructions.
- Adults should supervise their children at all times, particularly while they are on amusement attractions.
- Parents should not ride with a child on their lap or assume that holding on to them is an adequate safety measure.
- Encourage children to respect amusement rides as moving machinery, just as they would automobiles at street crossings.
- Do not sit or stand on fences surrounding attractions. This applies to adults as well as children.
- Always pick an easy-to-find place to meet your children when they are done riding. Also arrange a place to meet in case you get separated.



## Questions? Comments?

Questions or comments about attraction access should be directed to the guest relations office on the Mighty Midway. Kidway questions should be directed to the guest services office in Visitors Plaza. During the fair, the Mighty Midway guest relations office is open from 10 a.m. to midnight (11 p.m. on Labor Day); the guest services office in the Visitors Plaza is open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. (11 p.m. on Labor Day).

### Please call . . . . . Area Code 651

Accessibility Information.....	288-4448
General Information.....	288-4400
Guest Services (Visitors Plaza).....	642-2450
Media & Public Relations.....	288-4452
Midway Guest Relations.....	642-2236

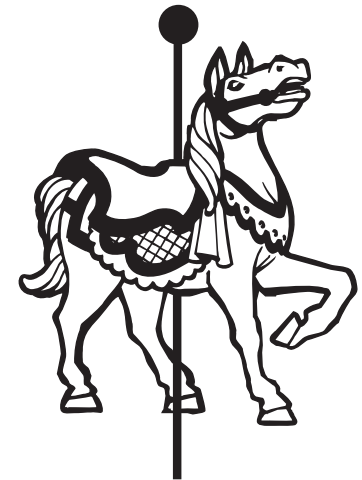
### Or write . . .

Guest Services  
Minnesota State Fair  
1265 Snelling Avenue North  
St. Paul, MN 55108

### Or E-mail . . .

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# 2011 Attraction Access Guide



## A guide to rider responsibilities



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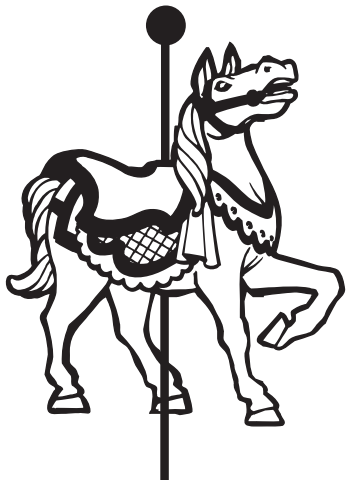
# WELCOME!

Welcome to the Minnesota State Fair's Mighty Midway and Kidway.

The State Fair strives to provide high-quality family entertainment. Our first responsibility is to ensure that guests have a safe and enjoyable experience each time they visit. The safety of State Fair guests and employees is the fair's highest priority.

It is the policy of the Minnesota State Fair to encourage guests to take responsibility for choosing which amusement attractions are appropriate for them. We recommend that guests review this Attraction Access Guide and follow the access and safety guide instructions posted at the entrance to each attraction. Anyone who meets the stated requirements for access to an attraction may ride. Access will be restricted only if the owner-operator of a particular attraction determines that an individual's safety or the safety of others will be compromised.

Guests should observe an attraction through at least one cycle of operation to become familiar with the motion and dynamic actions of that particular attraction before riding.



## Getting to Know the Attractions

There are things you should know before entering an attraction. You must...

1. Meet height, weight, age and other requirements.
2. Follow posted attraction access rules and verbal operator instructions.
3. Sit or stand in an appropriate riding position and remain in the ride until it comes to a complete stop and you are instructed to exit.
4. Keep hands, arms, feet and legs inside the ride unit.
5. Behave in a civil and respectful manner.
6. Wear shoes and secure loose clothing, hair and other objects.
7. Not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
8. Properly use all safety equipment provided (i.e. seat belts, lap bars, harnesses, etc.) and not release safety devices until the attraction comes to a complete stop or the operator instructs you to do so.



## Attraction Access Information

Before riding an attraction, there are a few requirements to note. Guests must be able to enter and exit the attraction independently, or with the aid of a responsible companion.

### Responsible Companion

Whenever a guest is required to be accompanied by a responsible companion, the accompanying person must be able to safely ride the ride and assist the guest. This includes helping the guest in boarding, de-boarding, passing through the attraction, assisting the guest to maintain postural control while riding and assisting the guest down stairs, catwalks or ladders in case evacuation is necessary. Attraction operators are neither trained nor permitted to physically assist guests.

### Service Animals

Guests with service animals must have a companion stay with their animal while they are riding. Attraction operators cannot be responsible for the care and safety of service animals and still maintain proper control of their attraction.

### Health Conditions

Persons with conditions which could be aggravated by the dynamic actions of an attraction are cautioned not to ride. Persons with conditions such as pregnancy, head, back, neck, stomach, heart or cardiovascular problems, respiratory conditions, degenerative bone disease, or other health conditions which could be aggravated by bumping or jarring are urged to use caution in choosing attractions.