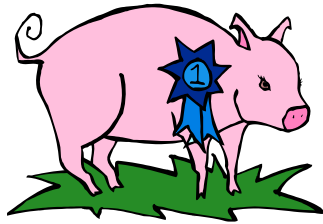


July Fair Safety



- Do not eat in the barns.
- Use the hand washing stations after touching an animal and before eating.
- Study a map of the fair grounds and memorize where the first aid station is located.
- Agree on a place to meet if you get separated from the people you attend the fair with.
- If exploring the fair in small groups distinguish a meeting place and time to meet there to regroup.



Animals:

- Clean up and check the stall for sharp objects, before you put the animal in it.
- Keep your stall clean and organized.
- When walking your animal from your stall to the ring be mindful of the public.
 - If your animal is unpredictable have someone help while you walk it to the ring by keeping the public at a safe distance.
- If your animal gets hurt or doesn't look right, tell your leader immediately. They will let you know if you need to find the fair vet that is on call.

Stranger Danger:

- Make sure you always walk around the fair grounds with a buddy.
- Always tell someone where you are going.
- Never tell personal information to a stranger, such as your name or address.
- Don't take candy, money, or gifts from a stranger.
- Never go into or near a car with anyone you don't know, no matter what the reason may be.
- If a stranger bothers you, run away and ask an adult for help.
- Trust your instincts – if you feel you are being followed or something is not right, seek a trusted adult immediately.
- Watch out for the common lures used by abductors to get you into their cars:
 - Bribe (come and get something from my vehicle)
 - Help (carrying stuff to car since they are injured)
 - Authority (not in a uniform but pretend to be a police officer)
 - Pet (seeing one, or finding one)
 - Fame (modeling agent, reality television show, etc.)
 - Emergency (tells you one of your parents or friends is injured and they sent them to get you)

Activities

Short Activity:

- As a club, complete a 4-H event card for a fair you will attend as a club (found in the BC 4-H Club Emergency Planning Guide). This way you will be prepared for any emergency that occurs at the fair, and every member will know what to do. Make sure to discuss a meeting place and who to go to for First Aid.
- Watch the chapter “Animals in Public” on the Safe Animal Handling CD-ROM resource you can get from the BC 4-H office. Then go through the multiple choice questions that follow the video clip with your club.



Longer Activities or Safety Camp:

- Do some role playing activities to help the members practice their stranger danger skills.
- Set up a stall as if it were at a fair, but include frequently overlooked safety measures. Have the members identify what is wrong in the stall and discuss how they could be fixed.
 - For Example:
 - Harness not put away properly.
 - Equipment and tools lying around.
 - Objects in the bedding.



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