



OREGON STATE FAIR PUBLIC SAFETY FACT SHEET

- The Oregon State Fair's ultimate goal is the safety, comfort and peace-of-mind of fairgoers, volunteers, exhibitors and employees.
- The fair's first line of defense when it comes to public safety is the well-known concept of SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING. Security personnel depend on the observations of the public to help maintain the peace.
- The Fair employs a former Marion County Undersheriff—a graduate of the FBI National Academy's 174th Session—as its head of security, who oversees and coordinates all aspects of public safety.
- The Fair contracts with a professional crowd management/security company with a large, uniformed staff to help maintain a safe environment during fairtime—using radios to remain in constant contact with the dispatch center.
- The Oregon State Police operate a dispatch center on the fairgrounds during the fair.
- Oregon State Troopers are stationed at every entrance to the fair, keeping a watchful eye on everything and everyone entering or leaving the fairgrounds.
- Oregon State Troopers patrol in pairs, constantly moving throughout all areas of the fairgrounds.
- The fair conducts bag checks at every entrance.
- Consistent with Oregon law, citizens with a valid permit are allowed to carry concealed weapons onsite. If gate security cannot verify that the permit is valid, those citizens will not be allowed onsite with their concealed weapons.
- The fair uses a CODE ADAM protocol to respond to lost children on the fairgrounds—a missing child safety program widely used in the U.S. and Canada for more than two decades.
- Adults bringing children to the fair are advised to snap a photo of the child or children as they prepare to enter, importantly showing the clothes and shoes being worn that day.