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# CALGARY PRIDE PARADE MANUAL

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## Time to get excited!

Thanks for being a part of the 2015 Calgary Pride Parade! We are so pleased to have your support in this annual celebration of the LGBT community here in Calgary, and hope that with everyone's help, it will be the best one yet!

Our attendance has been growing more and more every year, making us the fastest growing Pride celebration in Canada! We hope to see 60,000 smiling, cheering attendees lining 9th Avenue, and nearly 125 colourful floats waving right back! Because of our size, it is incredibly important that everyone work together and follow directions so that the parade is as seamless as possible.

## Absolutely No Stopping

Unless you are directed by Calgary Pride Volunteers or Calgary Police, the parade needs to keep moving. **DO NOT STOP** to pose for photographers - pictures always look better if you're moving anyways!

## Parking

Only vehicles that are part of the Parade will be permitted in the staging area. No deliveries, support vehicles, or drop-offs of participants.

## Liability

Pride Calgary Planning Committee will not be held responsible for any injuries, damage or theft sustained to or by your entry, or to your entry participants/members during the Parade. This includes during the staging and tear-down periods.

## End of Parade

Once you reach the end of the parade route, you still need to keep your entry moving, to make way for all the entries behind you. All entries will be directed to make a right-hand turn onto 11th St SW, and another right-hand turn onto 8th Ave SW, where tear-down of entries may occur. This is only a temporary stopping location, entries may not park in this area and must find alternate parking.

## Medical & First Aid

St. John's Ambulance will be on-site to assist with any medical issues that may arise.

## 1st Street SE (Macleod Trail South)

Please note that 1st Street will remain open to public traffic until 12:00pm, so you may only cross the road when legally permitted to do so by the traffic signals or Calgary Police.

## Attitude & Disposition

The 60,000 spectators are there to have fun, so help make it a great parade for them! Everyone should be smiling, waving, and cheering the whole time, and building the energy in the crowd. The entire purpose of the parade is to celebrate the LGBT community, so enjoy it and celebrate!

## Family Friendly

We are pleased to offer a Pride Parade that is suitable for people of all ages, including families and young children. Please ensure that you are dressed in a way that reflects our family friendly nature.

## Schedule & Timeline

### Walking Entries

Check-In: 10:00am - 11:00am

Group in place, ready to go: 11:45am

### Standard Vehicles

Check-In: 9:00am - 10:00am

Vehicles parked: 10:15am

Group in place, ready to go: 11:45am

### Large Vehicles/Floats

Check-In: 9:00am - 9:30am

Vehicles parked: 9:45am

Group in place, ready to go: 11:45am

