



Carnival Safety Inspections

Dear Club / Committee

As you will be aware we have been working together to improve safety standards within carnival and have agreed a standard of Inspection for Vehicles within the VSO (Vehicle Special Order)

Unfortunately the circumstances under which a VSO can be issued do not cover all types of vehicles such as, the smaller towing vehicle towing a small trailer under 3.5 tons, which at present requires no annual testing or inspection (car and trailer).

This is as long as it has not been altered or its width extended beyond 2.55m or length beyond 7m and is not carrying passengers for hire or reward.

In order to deal with the smaller vehicles as above, we are seeking the support of clubs to require entries to comply with a minimum safety standard as a condition of entry.

Conditions of entry for small clubs falling out side of VSO, wishing to take part in carnival within Avon and Somerset:

1. Towing vehicle is taxed, tested and the driver has a suitable licence and insurance.
2. Trailer is maintained so that it fully complies with Construction and Use Regulations in respect of build, wheels and tyres, brakes, suspension, lights.
3. In addition it has wheel chocks and a fire extinguisher (as do the bigger clubs).
4. Any persons carried on the vehicle are secured using either a barrier to prevent falling off or the seat is secured to the trailer and they are secured to the seat (a condition that all the bigger clubs comply with).

Failure to comply with these conditions could result in the entry being prevented from taking part in the carnival and possible prosecution.

If you are still unsure, you can email your query to vsotechteam@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

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