



Statement: Ride Safety

August 9, 2016

The [Tennessee Valley Fair](#) is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization that exists to celebrate and promote agriculture, the arts and East Tennessee heritage. We are a community driven event organized by a local staff of 6 Knoxvilleians and we are proud to celebrate our 97th year at Chilhowee Park, September 9-18.

The safety of our guests is a top priority. Amusement rides and other attractions are provided at our event by an outside contractor, [Wade Shows, Inc.](#) The Tennessee Valley Fair elected to partner with Wade Shows nearly 13 years ago because of their excellent safety record and commitment to providing a quality experience to fairgoers.

Each year, a great deal of care and attention is put into the construction and operation of the nearly 45 rides showcased at the Tennessee Valley Fair. This includes a daily inspection schedule that utilizes both internal and external third party safety inspectors. In addition to the inspections detailed above, Wade Shows hires a third party NAARSO level 3 certified ride inspector for an additional layer of protection. Rides are not permitted to open at the Tennessee Valley Fair until they successfully pass these levels of inspection.

Our thoughts and prayers are with those affected by the ride accident at the Greene County Fair on August 8, 2016. We are committed to providing the best experience possible to our fairgoers and will continue to work proactively with Wade Shows to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all guests.

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