



## SAFETY FAQS

At the Tennessee Valley Fair, fairgoer safety is our #1 priority. As a community-based, family friendly event, we want to ensure that everyone who enters our gates has a safe and enjoyable experience.

### WHO IS THE TENNESSEE VALLEY FAIR'S MIDWAY PROVIDER?

[Wade Show, Inc.](#) As North America's premiere midway company, Wade Shows has been in business for over 100 years. They are a family owned business with an excellent safety record. Wade Shows has provided the midway at the Tennessee Valley Fair for over 14 years. Guests at Wade Show's partner fairs and festivals nationwide will ride their equipment over 15 million times in 2017 alone.

### WHO INSPECTS THE RIDES AT THE TENNESSEE VALLEY FAIR?

Every ride at the Tennessee Valley Fair is subject to two rounds of safety inspections:

1. **Wade Shows Inspectors**

Wade Shows inspectors test each ride every morning prior to opening and multiple times before our event officially opens to the public on September 8, 2017. These ride inspectors travel with the Midway company and are very familiar with the equipment, enabling them to readily recognize any maintenance issues that may arise.

2. **Third Party NAARSO Inspector**

In addition to the inspections detailed above, the Tennessee Valley Fair has hired a third party [NAARSO certified](#) ride inspector for an additional layer of protection. This inspector will be available on September 8<sup>th</sup> for interviews to discuss how the Tennessee Valley Fair is proactively taking steps to ensure the safety of patrons. This is in full compliance with the guidelines set forth by [Tennessee's Department of Labor and Workforce Development](#).

**Rides are not permitted to open at the Tennessee Valley Fair until they successfully pass these levels of inspection.**

### 2017 RIDE INSPECTOR PROFILE

Jonathan Brooks – Wagner Consulting Group

Mr. Brooks has over 20 years of experience inspecting amusements. He serves as the current President for [NAARSO](#) and is a certified level III [Inspector/Instructor for the trade organization](#). The Tennessee Valley Fair and Wade Shows, Inc. have contracted Mr. Brooks to oversee ride safety inspections, September 8-17.

Mr. Brooks will be available before the Fair starts for interviews and questions.

### **WHERE CAN I READ MORE ABOUT WADE SHOWS SAFETY POLICIES?**

<http://www.wadeshows.com/safety.asp>

### **ARE MIDWAY EMPLOYEES SCREENED?**

Yes. Every employee hired by Wade Shows must pass a criminal background check and drug screening to be considered for [employment](#).

### **WHAT OTHER PRECAUTIONS DOES THE TENNESSEE VALLEY FAIR TAKE TO ENSURE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT?**

Each year, a Risk Management Specialist from Shafer Insurance Agency completes a full risk assessment of the fairgrounds prior to opening day. *Contact:* Mike Compton, Shafer Insurance - [mcompton@shaferinsurance.com](mailto:mcompton@shaferinsurance.com)

### **WHO INSPECTS THE FAIR'S CONCESSIONAIRES / FOOD VENDORS?**

The Knox County Health Department inspects our vendors prior to opening day and reserves the right to conduct random inspections at their discretion.

*Contact:* Kevin Clark, Food Program Manager - (865) 679-4279

### **FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:**

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