

# SAFETY FIRST TIPS VETERANS' DAY PARADE 11-09

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Welcome to the Veterans' Day Celebration and Parade. We are pleased you are here to honor all the veterans. Please review this information and help us make this a safe and fun event for everyone.

Parades and public events are fun and this is no exception. However, we must remind all of the dangers of moving vehicles in the crowded area. **PLEASE be extremely careful!**

Parade Line up - 7:00 to 9:00 am, @ **Ann Richards Congress Avenue Bridge, Austin, TX** (Congress Street Bridge),  
Parade Lead off - 9:00 between 9:15 am.

## Some suggestions to remind of Safety First.

1. Do not exceed the speed limit in the parade and congested areas. **Five MPH** is the maximum speed. That doesn't mean you have to drive that fast. Slower is always better.
2. Keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front of you, from pedestrians and parade watchers.
3. Do not throw candy or give-away item from the floats or parade entries to the audience. This is no longer permitted by the parade authorities. One year, we experienced a serious medical injury due to a person throwing candy. Again, **NO THROWING ITEMS FROM THE PARADE UNITS. This will be strictly enforced. Children will run toward vehicles to get candy and that is extremely dangerous!!!**
4. If there is an emergency and you need help do not hesitate to call 9-1-1. Be sure and advise the operator of your exact location.
5. If your vehicle fails, simply drive it to one of the side roads and ask for assistance. Do not panic.
6. Drink lots of water, use sunscreen and relax.
7. The police department is here to help. Don't hesitate to ask for assistance.
8. Keep in mind that youngsters and most oldsters, love parades. It is easy to get caught up on the excitement and forget safety matters. **PLEASE BE CAREFUL!!!** We want you with us next year.
9. Absolutely no firing of weapons of any kind. That includes started guns, historic rifles and western pistols. This is strictly prohibited and violation may result in an arrest. We have experienced challenging time over the past years and we enforce this rule for obvious reasons.
10. There is no rush to finish the parade. Please keep your intervals. Use common sense and don't allow a gap in the parade. When this happens pedestrians try to cross between parade units and disrupt the parade.
11. Patience is necessary in the parade. Watch out for youngsters and oldsters and those who just seem to not pay attention. Be careful.
12. **Please hydrate yourself** at least 2 days prior to the parade so we can minimize the risk of anyone suffering from dehydration.

Finally if you need emergency assistance, contact 9-1-1 first or a police officer. If you have operational problem you may contact the parade officials on site the day of the parade. The Veterans' Day Celebration will start at 11:00 am on the south steps of the Capitol.

**“Pray for our men and women in uniform and remember our Veterans”**

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