

Information for participants in Reykjavík Pride Parade 2015

Each group's contact is responsible for making sure that this information reaches all participants in their group.

The parade directors and security manager retain the right to remove individuals or entire groups from the parade if they do not follow the rules.

Set-up and parade route

- The set-up for the parade starts at 12:00 at BSÍ/Læknagarður (marked as A on the map). There you will meet a staff member from Reykjavík Pride who will tell you your position in the set-up. The parade directors and security manager will check in with every group to make sure that all rules are followed (see the full rules below). It is very important that everyone shows up on time because it is very time consuming to set up the parade properly.
- The parade will follow the same route as last year, we will set up at BSÍ/Læknagarður, then go up to Gamla Hringbraut, then Sóleyjargata alongside the pond, then along Fríkirkjuvegur and Lækjargata, where we will pass the stage at Arnarhóll (marked C on the map).
- After the parade ends in front of the stage it is very important that participants leave the parade area immediately to avoid chaos and delays. Participants on cars/floats need to get off quickly and go to the right, up towards Arnarhóll hill. Drivers drive the cars from Lækjargata to the left along Geirsgata.

Generators and/or sound systems

- Renting of sound systems and generators represents a significant cost for Reykjavík Pride so we want the equipment to be used. There have been incidents of people requesting the equipment and then backing out at the last minute. Because of this we have decided to make people who do not use their equipment pay for the rent. We need one person's personal number (kennitala) and if you do not use the equipment we will send a bill if you cancel after 3rd of August. If you do use it there will be no bill.
- Sound systems and generators are loaded onto the cars at Fiskislóð (marked D on the map), the route will be marked in part with balloons.
- Sound systems and generators will be taken off the cars immediately after the parade ends. All participants get off the platform as soon as the parade has passed

the stage at Arnarhóll and the driver goes straight back to Fiskislóð. There will be people there to assist in taking the equipment off the cars.

- Please note that the generators take a lot of space and can be difficult to fit into small cars. They can also potentially leak, which could ruin car upholstery. If you want to try to fit a generator into a small car you must contact us for further information
- If generators and sound systems are not returned by 17:00 on the day of the parade (August 8th) the group responsible will be fined.

Stage introduction

When the parade passes the stage each group will be introduced to the audience. Every group has to write their own introduction for the presenter to read when they pass the stage. This text needs to be sent to gongustjori@gmail.com by August 3rd.

Grants

You can apply for grants to Reykjavik Pride. Further information about grants can be found on our website: <http://www.reykjavikpride.com/> All enquiries about grants should be directed to our treasurer: gjaldkeri@reykjavikpride.com.

Safety rules and terms for the Reykjavík Pride Parade 2015

1) All participants must follow every rule and regulation set by Reykjavík Pride regarding the parade. The person responsible for each group (Contact 1) is responsible for all the participants in the group and must make sure that they are familiar with the rules and regulations.

Advertisements

2) Groups cannot be sponsored by, or display logos or trademarks from, third party businesses or organizations without the permission of Reykjavík Pride. Logos and advertisements on cars and other vehicles must be covered before entering the parade.

3) Any participant or group that displays logos or trademarks without permission will be expelled from the parade.

Safety

4) It is not permitted to possess or consume alcohol while participating in the parade.

5) Participants on motorcycles, all terrain vehicles or scooters must, according to laws, wear helmets when driving to and from the parade area. Within the closed area helmets are not required.

6) At least four volunteers must walk beside each car or truck in the parade. If the truck is large the volunteers must be more than four, or as many as the wheels on the truck. The volunteers must make sure that the distance between the truck and the bystanders is at least 1 metre. The volunteers must walk with the truck for the entire duration of the parade and they may not be participants in the group.

7) All participants standing on platforms or floats must be able to hold on to a firm and sturdy fence or railing for the entire duration of the parade. The platform must be surrounded by **a fence at least 1 m high made from sturdy material**. Regular ropes are not enough, but ratchet tie down straps will do. It is especially important that the railing is steady and strong at the back of the platform in case the truck accelerates quickly.

8) The size limits for vehicles participating in the parade are the following, when they are driving to and from the closed parade area: height 4.20 m, width 2.50 m. **If the vehicle exceeds those size limits it must have police escort when driving to and from the parade area.** Police escort, and any cost that may come with it, is the responsibility of each participant, not Reykjavík Pride. There are no length limits for the vehicles in the parade but every truck must be able to drive the parade route. It is especially crucial that every truck can drive through the roundabout between Gamla-Hringbraut and Sóleyjargata. Please note that the trees along Sóleyjargata have branches that reach into the parade route and might hit vehicles and participants standing on platforms that are higher than 4.20 m. The person responsible for each group must make sure that the driver gets all available information about the parade route, and that the driver has driven the route on the vehicle at least once before the parade.

9) Any distribution or handing out of items, brochures, food, drink, etc. is not allowed in the parade without a special permission from the parade managers. It is strictly forbidden to throw items in the direction of the audience. The parade managers will stop any distribution that has not been permitted by the parade managers and/or expel the group from the parade.

10) If there is an accident during the parade, groups that have sound systems must give the parade managers access to their car and sound system. All participants must also turn off their sound systems for security reasons if asked to do so by the parade managers or security officers.

11) All participants should keep an eye out for problems that can arise, such as protests and vandalism. In the event of a participant becoming aware of anything like that they must contact the parade's security manager or Reykjavík Pride's office, unless the matter needs immediate action, in which case police should be contacted by calling 112 and then the parade's security manager should be informed.

12) Reykjavík Pride's security can not arrest people. However it is everyone's civil right to make a citizen's arrest if a person is dangerous to people and themselves or if a person witnesses a theft. It is worth noting that when performing a citizen's arrest a person is not permitted to handcuff or tie up anyone, only the police has permission to do that. This kind of case is usually difficult to handle and this right should not be used except in an emergency.

13) In the case of an emergency police should immediately be contacted by calling 112 and then the parade's security manager should be notified.

14) The parade managers have the right to expel people and groups from the parade if the previously stated security rules are not followed.

Other terms and conditions

15) All groups, cars and participants must show up at 12:00 for the set up.

16) All big trucks must have stairs or some other way of getting participants down from the platform as fast as possible after the parade has ended at Arnarhóll. There has often been much chaos and confusion at that point, but it is important that everyone works together to make it go as smoothly as possible. The parade managers requests that participants get off their trucks and out of the parade area as soon as their car has passed Arnarhóll.

17) Groups that have sound systems and generators provided by Reykjavík Pride must return them as soon as the parade is over in accordance with information given by the parade managers. If sound systems and generators are not returned the person responsible for the group will be fined heavily.

18) Reykjavík Pride requires that all participants in the parade show everyone respect, including different the cultures and histories of all people. Costumes may not be degrading or show prejudice towards any group of people, cultures or ethnicities. An example of an unacceptable costume in the parade is dressing up in black face, that is to use make up or other means to emulate other ethnicities. This also includes dressing up as an indian, Chinese or any other culture the participant does not belong to.

Why are costumes like this inappropriate? You can read about it here:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blackface>

<http://racismschool.tumblr.com/post/18422652908/black-face-vs-white-face-whats-the-difference>

<http://kmschultz.hubpages.com/hub/Why-is-blackface-racially--socially-and-politically-incorrect>

19) Last but not least, Reykjavík Pride would like to ask all participants to protect our parade and to not let any inappropriate individuals join their groups.