



BULLETIN

FAIR/FESTIVAL WALK THROUGHS

Unnecessary hazards can injure active people or damage property unnecessarily. It is principally "a matter of looking for them", but some hazards are not as obvious as others. That is one reason why the loss control professional makes periodic visits.

Fair/festival and other special event managers can spare themselves potential grief by making "a matter of looking for them" a matter of practice. Designated persons with routes, responsibilities and targets of attention can make periodic walk-throughs an integral part of the operations. Have them see the grounds through the eyes of the excited youngster or the not-so-nimble senior citizen who are more observant of the fun around them than the nitty-gritty of watching their every step. Other considerations may appear more obvious once conscious attention is given to them, such as:

- * Unprotected tent stakes and ropes
 - * Loose/uneven sewer grates or manhole covers
 - * Deteriorated or uneven walkways
 - * Objects protruding into walkways
 - * Electrical cables and water hoses across walkways
- or
- * Unprotected bodies of water at least 3' deep
 - * Absence of barriers to restricted areas
 - * Exposed machinery or electrical transformers
 - * Unsecured electrical box covers
- or
- * Deteriorated seating areas
 - * Loosened handrails
 - * Gaps at back or sides of seating areas through which small children can fall
 - * Poorly lighted areas
 - * Exit ways not clearly identified
- or
- * Electrical connections subject to submersion in water
 - * Electrical circuits not grounded or without overcurrent protection
 - * Outdated or discharged fire extinguishers
 - * Compressed gas cylinders (LP, helium, CO₂) not chained or otherwise secured in the upright position
 - * Contractors/subcontractors without certificates of insurance
- or...
- * Whatever constitutes an unnecessary hazard that can hurt the people who come to have fun. Don't wait for the professional.

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