

Press Release: Antelope Valley Fair Introduces Chaperone Policy for Enhanced Safety

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Antelope Valley Fair Announces New Chaperone Policy to Ensure Family-Friendly Environment and Guest Safety

Lancaster, CA – The Antelope Valley Fair is dedicated to providing a safe, enjoyable, and family-friendly environment for all attendees. To enhance the safety of our guests and ensure a positive experience, the Antelope Valley Fair will implement a **chaperone policy Effective September 25, 2024**.

Under this new policy, all attendees under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a chaperone who is **at least 21 years old** to enter the fairgrounds. Each chaperone may supervise up to five minors and must remain with their group at all times.

The policy will be enforced **throughout all operating hours** of the fair and aims to address safety concerns that have emerged at other large-scale public events across the region. This measure is part of our broader commitment to ensuring a welcoming and secure environment for all guests, while reducing incidents of inappropriate or disruptive behavior.

Why This Policy?

The decision to implement a chaperone policy aligns with similar measures introduced by entertainment venues and fairs across Southern California and nationwide. Several events have experienced challenges with unsupervised minors engaging in disruptive or unsafe behavior, leading to new policies to safeguard attendees. For instance, the **California State Fair, Knott's Berry Farm, and Magic Mountain** recently introduced chaperone policies following similar concerns.

At Antelope Valley Fair, we believe that proactive measures, such as this chaperone requirement, will help ensure that every visitor—families, children, and individuals—can enjoy the fair in a safe and respectful atmosphere.

Policy Details:

- **Who is affected?**

All guests under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a chaperone aged 21 or older.

- **Chaperone Requirements:**
Each adult can supervise up to **five minors**. The chaperone must remain on the premises with their group at all times during the fair visit.
- **Enforcement:**
Identification checks will be conducted at entry gates. All guests must present a valid photo ID, such as a driver's license, government-issued ID, or school ID to verify age.
Unaccompanied minors will not be permitted entry and will be asked to leave if found without proper supervision.
- **Exemptions:**
Certain pre-organized, ticketed group events, such as school field trips or youth group outings with existing chaperone arrangements, may be exempt from the policy. Groups wishing to apply for an exemption must contact the Antelope Valley Fair office in advance.

A Commitment to Safety

“Safety has always been our top priority at the Antelope Valley Fair,” said Dan Jacobs, Fair CEO. “This new chaperone policy is designed to ensure that our event remains a place for families and friends to gather for safe and enjoyable experiences. We believe these additional precautions will help maintain the friendly, welcoming environment that the Antelope Valley Fair is known for.”

As part of our overall safety strategy, we have also increased security personnel and added additional lighting in key areas throughout the fairgrounds. As part of our long-standing partnership with The Antelope Valley Fair, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Lancaster Station is committed to ensuring a safe, family friendly event.” said Paul Bartlett, the Captain of the Lancaster Station. “We appreciate your cooperation in following these guidelines and helping us create a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone. Enjoy the fair and thank you for your attention to our safety measures.”

These improvements, combined with the chaperone policy, underscore our dedication to providing a secure environment for all guests.

Signage and Communication

To ensure that all visitors are aware of the new policy, signage will be prominently displayed at all entry points and throughout the fairgrounds. Additionally, the policy will be communicated through our website and social media channels.

For more information about the new chaperone policy or other safety measures, please visit avfair.com or contact the Antelope Valley Fair office at (661) 948-6060 or jacobs@avfair.com

About the Antelope Valley Fair

The Antelope Valley Fair has been a cornerstone of community entertainment for over 85 years, offering a wide range of activities, including live performances, rides, food vendors, livestock shows, and more. We are committed to providing a fun and safe environment for all attendees.