



Special Event Guidelines

Event Activities

Activities not included in your permit application are not authorized to take place in your event venue and can be curtailed by the San Diego Police Department. A member of the San Diego Police Department may terminate activities if they incite a crowd or have potential to cause unruly and risky behavior. Use of some equipment, interactive activities, or animals may require additional safety features, insurance levels, or permits. Body piercing, tattooing, and chiropractic adjustments/manipulations are not permitted at special events on city property; however, you may incorporate informational booths regarding these services in your event plans.

Inflatables

The use of inflatables is prohibited in some parks. Examples of inflatables include, but are not limited to, jumpers, climbing walls, obstacle courses, décor elements and promotional signage.

Massage

Massages provided as part of a special event (e.g. at the finish area of a 5K run) can be performed without restriction, by a licensed holistic health practitioner. Massages provided by any other person, such as a chiropractor, sports trainer, licensed massage technician, or a student from a massage school must be done free of charge. Donations or tips may be accepted, but not made mandatory. A licensed instructor must supervise students. Inclusion of this type of activity at your event may have additional insurance requirements.



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Regulated Activities

The San Diego Police Department Vice Unit regulates a number of activities such as adult entertainment, casino games, etc. The Vice Unit will establish the specific compliance conditions for inclusion of a regulated activity within your event venue.

Mechanized Equipment

The use of mechanized equipment can require additional planning, security, and/or insurance requirements. Examples include, but are not limited to, carnival rides, mechanized trains, robotic demonstrations, etc.

Animals

The County of San Diego regulates the use of animals at events. All animals are to be treated in a humane manner and provided proper care and attention at all times. County Animal Control Officers must, at all reasonable times, be permitted full access to examine any/all animals to be used in and/or kept on the premises of your proposed event. Hand sanitizing/washing stations are required for all employees working with animals at an event and must be made available to attendees in instances where animals may be handled by the public.



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Aquatic Activities

If you plan to incorporate aquatic activities in your event plans, you are required to provide a Water Safety Plan as part of the permit review process. The plan must include a map of all swim or other courses and desired positioning of lifeguard resources. The plan must also include the method(s) for getting a rescued participant medical attention if needed. The City of San Diego reserves the right to require resources other than those proposed in your event plans. All lifeguard services will be billed at City Council-approved rates.

Aquatic Features/Above Ground Pools

If you plan to use a portable or above ground pool or certain aquatic features at your event, you must obtain a permit from the County of San Diego Environmental Health Department. Information can be obtained at <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/deh/water/poolplancheck.html>.

Additional requirements established by the City of San Diego regarding life safety plans, accessibility, construction permitting, proper disposal of water and insurance requirements may also apply to the use of aquatic features and above ground pools.