



# Houma Police Department

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## HPD Parade Rules



The Houma Police Department in trying to keep this a safe Mardi Gras season ask for the following rules to be followed by parade viewers:

1. Parade viewers shall stay on the proper side of barricades, and when there are no barricades please stay at a safe distance from floats and parade marchers. We also ask parade viewers not to put their arms, hands, or legs through the barricades. Also no standing or sitting on the barricades.
2. There shall be no silly string allowed within 300 feet of any parade route within the parish on any day a parade is scheduled.
3. In order to provide safe viewing of parades it shall be unlawful for any person to hold a child or adult over the age of six (6) years in his arms or on his back or shoulders within ten (10) feet of a carnival float or other parade viewers.
4. It is unlawful for any person to intentionally damage a parade float.
5. Anyone caught throwing objects at float riders will be charged and arrested for battery.
6. It shall be unlawful for any person who is not a member of a carnival organization or a contracted participant to follow a float or band during the course of the parade.
7. It shall be unlawful for any person to use or possess any type of glass container within a distance of five hundred (500) feet of a carnival parade route, Two (2) hours prior, during, and one (1) hour following a carnival parade.
8. Loud profane music will not be tolerated by police officers. 1<sup>st</sup> offense summons 2<sup>nd</sup> arrest.
9. We ask people to travel and walk in groups for safety. Also please don't leave any valuables in vehicles, and if anyone sees anybody driving while intoxicated your asked to call Houma Police at 873-6373.

**For more information, contact:**

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