

Michigan Conference of SDA

Hayride Guidelines

A hayride can be a safe as well as fun activity if people planning these activities are aware of the dangers and take measures to insure the safety of each participant. The committee recommends the following guidelines to be used and strictly adhered to when hayrides are planned:

1. Adequate supervision to prevent horseplay and to insure that no one attempts to get on or off the wagon while it is moving.
2. Avoid the use of public roads, the roads with steep hills and excessive curves. Where public roads must be used, require: a follow-up vehicle with four-way flashers.
3. Sideboards/rails and end panels to prevent participants from sliding off.
4. Proper lights, front and rear, when used at night.
5. Vehicle and wagon properly maintained.
6. Experienced driver for vehicle used (truck, tractor, horses, etc.)
7. Speed not to exceed six miles per hour.
8. A means to positively lock the wagon to the tow vehicle.