

Tips to Keep You and Your Kids Safe During Farm Show Week

The Pennsylvania Farm Show always draws large crowds each year. This makes it easy for children to become separated from their parents and guardians. If it happens, you need a plan so your children know what to do.



MAKE A PLAN IF YOU SHOULD BECOME SEPERATED

Have older kids meet you in a pre-designated spot. A good spot at the Farm Show is the Security Counter at the Main Entrance on Cameron St or the infamous "Butter Sculpture" that is displayed every year at the Maclay St. entrance. Make sure your older child knows where these areas are before you start your day. Teach younger children to look for people who can help them. The easiest person to contact at the Farm Show is one of the Pennsylvania State Troopers and we are always dressed in grey. Make sure you point a Trooper out to your children so they know what we look like. Even a young child will be able to identify us. Advise your children they should never leave the Farm Show or go to the parking lot to look for you or your car.



TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO STAY WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES

They should never go anywhere before checking with a parent or guardian. Always supervise your children in a public facility and accompany young children to the restroom.



LEAVE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION WITH YOUR CHILDREN

Put your contact information such as your name and phone number on a piece of paper and put it somewhere with your child. Either in a coat pocket, a pants pocket or backpack. Make sure if they get seperated from you they know to give that information to one of the Troopers in the grey uniform or one of the security guards so we can contact you immediately.



PHOTOGRAPH YOUR CHILD

Nearly everyone is equipped with a cell phone that has camera capabilities. Before entering the Farm Show take a photo of your child in what they are currently wearing. In the event you should get separated from your child you will have a photograph to show the Pennsylvania State Police what they look like.



PURCHASE AN ID BRACELET FOR YOUR CHILD

Consider purchasing an ID wristband for your child. There are many companies that produce plastic wristbands that allow you to put contact information on them. Some good reasons you may want to consider the wristbands. Your child may:

- Often wandering off.
- Get caught up in the moment and forget to check with you before they head off somewhere.
- Be fearful of speaking up.
- Be afraid of strangers, even those who are there to help.
- Be developmentally delayed.
- Be hearing impaired.
- Have speech & communication difficulties.
- Have autism, apraxia, etc.
- Have special medical conditions.
- Be comforted that they have some form of identification that can help reunite them with their parents should they become lost.

Consider all of these tips and take the necessary measures to ensure your children and even adults with special needs have a safe and fun time at the Farm Show this year. For more information while at the show, the Farm Show Command Post number is 717-787-4171.