



North Midlands LGBT+ Older Peoples Group  
A Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)  
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## Pride Events - Safety Guidance

**Thank you for agreeing to help OLGBT+ at Pride events. We want you to have a good time and to enjoy yourself. To keep everyone as safe as possible please adhere to the following guidance:**

### Using the Gazebo

- ✓ Please carry the gazebo to pitch in loads of manageable size and weight. Follow good practice for lifting and carrying
- ✓ Follow the instructions (or ask someone who has erected the gazebo before)
- ✓ Minimum of two persons to carry and erect.
- ✓ Follow same procedure to dismantle and remove.
- ✓ Ensure Gazebo is adequately secured at site. If in doubt about stability do not use.
- ✓ In event of strong winds or other adverse weather that affects safety do not erect gazebo or if already erected dismantle immediately.

### Marching Banner

- ✓ Please carry our marching banners with care. You should not volunteer to carry a banner if you have any health issues that could be made worse by carrying a weight while walking.
- ✓ For longer parades a minimum of four people are required for each banner so that two pairs can take turns.

### Good Behaviour

- ✓ Please treat everyone kindly and respectfully regardless of how they may behave towards you. You are representing OLGBT and you must uphold our values.

- ✓ In the unlikely event that you are subject to verbal or physical abuse, seek support from other volunteers and Pride attendees around you. If necessary, ask for assistance from the police who will be present at Pride.

### **Accidents and Injuries**

- ✓ Please bring any medication, mobility aids etc that you need. You are responsible for this and for your own health and safety more generally.
- ✓ Check the weather forecast and dress appropriately. Bring extra clothes for the eventuality of bad weather if needed. Bring a hat and/or sun cream if it is a sunny day
- ✓ Maurice will be the appointed person to take charge in event of accident or injury. There will be first aid facilities on site.
- ✓ We recommend that you let Maurice know who to contact in the event that you are ill or have an accident while at Pride.
- ✓ When staffing the OLGBT stand please always work in pairs so that you have backup support

### **COVID Safety**

- ✓ There are no longer any Government restrictions in place but it is advisable to remain cautious, particularly if you are more vulnerable due to other health conditions. Please read the latest COVID Safety guidance on the OLGBT Website

**It's all just common sense really but it's important stuff. Thanks for helping, take care and have a great day!**