

Safety Plan for Steamboat Mountain Music Fest Edgewater BC July 8-9-10, 2022

Steamboat Festival Volunteers: A strong group of community-spirited people who come back to help year-after-year. We outfit all our volunteers with a bright coloured festival volunteer T-Shirt and an official badge designating their role. We conduct a short training session for all volunteers on the Wednesday before the festival, and hand out printed expectations and job descriptions for each area. Our bar staff volunteers are certified with Serving It Right. Our Green Room volunteers are certified with Food Safe.

Traffic: Traffic Crew Volunteers greet all traffic at the main street barricade, and explain the detour to the store and gas station.

Parking: Traffic Crew Volunteers greet festival-bound arriving vehicles at the entry road main street barricade, and direct them to available artist and public parking areas.

Security: We hire three guards from Valley Hawk Security to keep everyone safe, supervise bag checks and generally set a tone by being visible at the entry area of the festival. Our Festival Security Volunteers are dispatched in groups of three per four-hour shift. Their role is to patrol the perimeter of the festival grounds and call uniformed security officers if any potentially dangerous situations emerge. In our nine-year history, this kind of occurrence is rare and dealt with quickly. In the festival's ten-year history, we have had two instances where the uniformed security officers have had to step in and escort impaired festival-goers off the grounds. We have never had to notify RCMP, but will not hesitate to do so if needed.

Supervision: All the Steamboat Mtn. Music Society Directors (10 of us, this year) will be on site during the Saturday Main Stage festival day. We generally supervise up to 50 community volunteers at the gate and on the grounds throughout the day. All the Directors carry their cell phones, and all the Volunteers have the list of Directors' contact numbers should they need emergency assistance. Because the Edgewater Community Park is not a huge expanse, the volunteers generally will be able flag down the nearest Director visually.

Sanitation: The Community Hall has accessible multi-stall washrooms. Also, we place three portables at the far end of the park. Festival volunteers regularly patrol to ensure paper supplies, etc. are replaced when necessary and areas are kept tidy.

COVID: Masks & Hand Sanitizers are on site in various locations around the site.

First Aid: One of our Directors is a public health nurse. She prepares and supervises the First Aid Tent. Our First Aid Volunteers all have Level One First Aid Certification and if available, we generally have at least one First Aid Volunteer with Industrial Level certification. Edgewater Fire-Rescue station is one block away from the Festival Grounds. They have emergency vehicles and staff on-call for any serious emergency. An AED Defibrillator is available in the Hall. A Naloxone Kit is included at First Aid Station.

Evacuation: There are two gate areas for evacuation, and only three road accesses. Our Traffic Volunteers are trained to direct orderly evacuation of festival participants, if need be.

Fire Extinguishers: 3 in the Hall; lit exit signs – lots of exit doors in the Hall.