



# Press Release

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To: All Media Representatives

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Subject: Curfew

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Summer is on the way and along with it comes a busy community calendar. One of most popular family events is the carnival at Mills Park. The carnival is a great way for the entire community to get out, enjoy the weather and have some good old-fashioned fun. The carnival is also synonymous with kids, and kids can have a great time at the carnival; providing they have appropriate supervision. Too many times parents drop the kids off at the carnival and leave them there for the duration, without knowing what the kids are up to or even what time the carnival closes.

Carson City generally has two major carnivals during the summer months; the mother's day carnival and the Fourth of July carnival. The carnivals generally run from Thursday through Sunday and end at midnight each day. With this in mind, it is important to be aware of the curfew law here in Carson City.

*8.20.030 Curfew hours.*

*1. It is unlawful for any minor under the age of eighteen (18) years whether a pedestrian or traveling by motor vehicle or other conveyance, to loiter, idle, wander, stroll, move about or play in or upon the public streets, highways, roads, alleys, parks, playgrounds or public grounds, public places and public buildings, commercial parking areas, places of amusement and entertainment or vacant lots within Carson City:*

*a. For those under the age of fifteen (15) years between the hours of ten p.m. and five a.m.;*

*b. For those age fifteen (15) years but less than eighteen (18) years between the hours of midnight and five a.m.*

*2. The provisions of this section do not apply to a minor:*

*a. Accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or other adult person having care or custody of that minor;*

*b. Directed upon an emergency errand by his or her parent, guardian or adult person having care or custody of that minor;*

*c. Who is attending or traveling to or from a school, community or private function with approval of his or her parent or guardian or adult person having care or custody; provided, that a responsible adult person is physically present and immediately available to chaperone or supervise that function; or*

*d. Who is at his or her own residence or the adjacent common areas of the residence.*

*3. Any minor violating this section may be arrested and taken into custody by a law enforcement officer for transportation to the juvenile detention center, or cited and released to a parent or guardian, or taken home to his or her parent, guardian or other adult person having care and custody. Upon disposition the minor may be dealt with as deemed appropriate by the juvenile division of the first judicial district court, including a fine in an amount not to exceed one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00).*

*(Ord. 1995-53 § 1, 1995: Ord. 1993-29 § 2, 1993: Ord. 1985-46 § 1, 1985: Ord. 1975-18 § 1 (part), 1975).*

At the closing time of almost every carnival there are a few kids who are left waiting for a ride home, or left to roam the streets. This is in violation of the Curfew law and the kids may be subject to citation or arrest.

The intent of the carnival is that our citizens go out and have a good time. As a parent, you can help ensure that the event is enjoyable to all by making sure that your children have responsible supervision and have a plan to get your children home safely after the carnival is over. As always, the Carson City Sheriff's Office will be patrolling the carnivals to help ensure everyone's safety.