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The San Francisco Police Department is dedicated to making this year's Pride weekend safe and enjoyable. San Francisco Pride is one of the largest Pride

celebrations in the world and one of San Francisco's most popular, iconic, and well-attended events. With large crowds expected, including guests from around the world, providing public safety is our number one priority.

*"The San Francisco Police Department and our officers proudly welcome everyone to celebrate PRIDE month in our diverse and vibrant city," said **Police Chief Derrick Lew**. "Throughout the month of June, the SFPD is working closely with event organizers and our law enforcement partners to ensure that the LGBTQ community and their allies can celebrate a safe and joyful PRIDE."*

SFPD will be staffed to handle all calls for service citywide and to provide adequate public safety staffing at Pride events throughout Pride Month, leading up to the 56th annual SF Pride Parade. SFPD officers will be vigilant in looking for unlawful or unsafe activity and will respond as appropriate. As with any large event, there are always safety concerns. Safety is everyone's responsibility, including participants, organizers, security staff, and law enforcement.

Pride participants should keep in mind the following safety tips:

- **Pride is about community.** Look out for each other and report any suspicious people or activity to event staff or a police officer. If you see something, say something. In an emergency, call 9-1-1. To provide an anonymous tip, call the SFPD Anonymous Tip Line at (415) 575-4444.
- **Stay informed** of emergencies or significant events by signing up for emergency text message alerts by texting the word PRIDESF to 888-777. [AlertSF](#) allows us to notify you of emergencies in San Francisco.
- **Keep an eye on your drinks.** Don't accept drinks from strangers. Drink responsibly and don't drink and drive- always use a designated driver.
- The San Francisco Bay Area has a host of [public transit options](#) that will get you to, from, and around Pride events.
- If you drive to the festivities, remember to "[Park Smart!](#)" Take your valuables with you; don't leave them inside your car.
- Guard your cell phone, wallet, and other valuables.
- There is safety in numbers. Stay with a group when on the street or leaving bars and clubs. Be cautious about leaving a bar or club with a stranger. If you feel "unsure" about someone, rely on that instinct, and do not go with that person.

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