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As part of the permit review process, you must provide a description of the types of performances or entertainment that will be at your event. This helps the Citywide Team to work effectively with you in developing plans that provide for the safety of all those who attend your event. The City of San Diego does not allow you to have event activities or components that are not included in your permit application and that are not authorized to take place in your event venue.

As the Host Organization or its authorized representative, it is your responsibility to ensure all necessary actions are taken to prevent and stop unruly and risky behavior at your event. Slam dancing, crowd surfing, mosh pits or other similar activities are also not allowed.

A representative of the City of San Diego may require such activities be mitigated or stopped by you at anytime during your event, including set-up and dismantle. The San Diego Police Department or Fire-Rescue Department may also direct the Host Organization to end entertainment or other activities if it incites a crowd or has potential to cause unruly and risky behavior.

Performances by Community or Local Performers

Many events feature local or community performance groups. If your event plans incorporate the use of these types of groups, it is not necessary to provide a complete performance schedule with your permit application.
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Performances by Regional, National, or Internationally Recognized Performers

If your event plans include the use of performers that are recognized regionally, nationally, or internationally or have a unique audience draw, you are required to provide a complete performance schedule including sound check times with your permit application. This information will be incorporated in the overall assessment of your event management and safety plans.