

**COMMUNITY UNITED AGAINST VIOLENCE (CUAV)
Folsom Street Fair Safety Alert**

Every year, Folsom Street Fair brings communities together locally and internationally to celebrate the adult alternative lifestyle. This year, two hate groups known as “Americans for Truth About Homosexuality” and “Mission America,” along with other hate groups, are protesting Folsom Street Fair by holding a press conference this Friday September 26th, 2008 and Monday, September 29th, 2008. CUAV asks all communities--queer and straight--to alert Folsom Street Fair security staff (in orange vests) and/or organizers if you see or hear any behavior or action that may be harmful to all of us on the fairgrounds. If you witness hate group protesters organizing or trying to get into the Folsom Street Fair, we ask that you not to engage with hate group protesters directly. If you witness any suspicious activity in or around the Fair, we urge you to contact Folsom Street Fair security, staff, or volunteers to alert them.

CUAV requests that community members create safety plans with friends and loved ones, so that we can all celebrate together safely and proudly.

Safety Tips:

- **Personal Safety** - Carry a whistle and/or a fully charged cell phone
- **Reporting Violence / Seeking Emotional Support** – If you or someone else experiences Anti-LGBTQQ Hate Violence and/or Domestic Violence please contact CUAV’s 24 hour crisis line at **(415) 333-4357 (HELP)** or San Francisco Women Against Rape at **(415) 647-7273**. Go to the nearest hospital for medical assistance or call 911 for immediate help. Remember you are not alone.
- **Safety Buddies** – Make a plan with a friend, neighbor, or co-worker who knows where you will be and what to do if you need help, or who will keep an eye on you if you are going out together.
- **Hookup Safety** - Let a friend know where you will be, with whom, and for how long. Meet in a public place where you can see other people. If possible, go with someone to meet the person. Be clear about your boundaries and trust your intuition: if something feels wrong, it probably is. If you plan to hookup in a location where you will be alone, have someone check on you and plan a way out of the situation.
- **Call for Help** – Bring a whistle, a fully-charged cell phone, or just shout to get the attention of people around you.
- **Safe & Sober Traveling** – Travel safely and soberly, making sure to let friends know your plans.
- **Buy Your Own!** – Get your own drinks and take ‘em with you! Don’t leave drinks unattended.