

Joker's tongue-in-cheek reasons why guns should be allowed at Coeur d'Alene parades & festivals 3.25.14:

You people don't get it. Guns are totally necessary at a parade. I've got a dozen reasons to help Steve Adams win his case.

1. Property rights. I camp out for hours to get a great spot. The last thing I need is some idiot trying to lay claim to my little piece of grass under a tree on Sherman. Nobody and I mean nobody is going to steal my public right of way.
2. People. They annoy me. Beyond the bad fashion choices, horrible tattoos, they're milling about aimlessly like a bunch of zombies. It's like they're waiting for something to start. Keep out of my space and out of my sight.
3. Dads. There's always some jerky dad who uses their adorable little kid to cut in front of me. I hate it. You've got shoulders, use them. Go bother someone else.
4. Cute kids. Who do these brats think they are? I am all set up with my giant cooler, my beverages, my over sized umbrellas and boom box, electric fan and then some little boy or girl has to giggle, laugh and and clap -- thereby ruining my parade experience.
5. Clowns. You can never trust a clown. Who knows what they're going to do.
6. Marching bands. Do they have to play so loud? Seriously. Those drums banging away. All of it is an assault on my ears. Somebody needs to put those people in their place.
7. Floats. Do you really feel safe with a pirate float going by? These people have swords and eye patches. At least one of them as a hook for a hand? What if one of them swings off the poop deck to stab me?
8. The Shriners. Have you seen those hats? They look Middle Eastern to me. They claim they're trying to help kids, but how do we know these aren't terrorists? This is a Christian parade in Merica. We ride bicycles -- not tricycles.
9. Bagpipers. It sounds like animals being tortured. Very upsetting to the digestive system. I need to eat my corn dog in peace.
10. Firefighters. They like to eat a lot of chili. That's an explosive situation. I am not going out like that.
11. Veterans. Sure they were once heroes. But they were working for the government and we can never trust the government.

12. Politicians. This is the real danger. When the politicians smile and wave at you from some classic car in the parade. You know they're dying to steal our money. We have a right to defend ourselves!