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DANGER CIRCUS TO DEFY BAN

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FEARLESS circus boss Pierrot Pilet-Bidot yesterday refused to tone down the world's most **DANGEROUS** acts.

Pierrot, 36, vowed his clowns would defy a council ban so they could carry on fighting and juggling with **CHAINSAWS**.

The Bizarre Archaos Alternative Circus from France — part of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe — claim to have the most violent big top in the world.

Their acts include chainsaw-wielding clowns, fire-work throwers and trapeze artists who walk the high wire **WITHOUT** safety nets.

But they were furious when Edinburgh District Council banned the chainsaw act.

Pierrot fumed: "I do not care what the council says. What do they know about the circus anyway?"

"Our show will go on. It is very dangerous but that's what people like."

Sledgehammer

Circus member Sarah Sankey from London was recovering in hospital yesterday after breaking her back as the circus was set up on Leith Links, near Edinburgh.

Seven other circus members suffered broken arms earlier this year and one lost all his teeth when a sledgehammer **SMASHED** into his face.

Chainsaw stunts

go on, vows boss