



Since 1976, Maryland's Amusement Ride Safety Inspection Program has worked together with the Amusement Ride Safety Advisory Board, Maryland Association of Agricultural Fairs and Shows, The Maryland State Showmen's Association, and individual ride owners towards ensuring safe rides and attractions within the State.

Rides and attractions at parks are inspected, at a minimum, annually. Rides and attractions at carnivals and fairs are inspected at each location. Inspections include all mechanical rides, all inflatable amusement attractions, ski lifts, go-kart operations, and water slides.



Amusement Ride Safety

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Our mission is to prevent injuries, protect property, and save lives of individuals using amusement attractions in the state.

Safety Tips

The Maryland Amusement Ride Safety Inspection Unit works hard to ensure the safe and enjoyable use of amusement rides. Please always follow these safety tips.

- Look for the yellow and white State of Maryland Certificate of Inspection.



- Obey posted instructions and rules.
- Observe age, height and weight

Safety Tips (Continued)

- Follow instructions of the ride operator.
- Keep hands, arms and legs inside ride at all times.
- Use all safety equipment such as seat belts, shoulder harness, lap bar and/or chain.
- Stay in the ride until it comes to a complete stop.

Rider Responsibility

Riders of amusement rides have a responsibility to:

- Act in a responsible manner.
- Obey posted and verbal instructions.
- Refrain from behaving in any manner that may cause injury to oneself or other riders.

Statistics indicate that accidents occur more frequently on rides operated by the rider. These rides include go-karts, water slides and bumper cars. To minimize the possibility of accidents riders are urged to follow instructions above.

No one should ride an amusement ride while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance. Failure to act in a responsible manner may result in denied access to a ride or being ejected from the park or carnival.

Safety Tips for Parents

To ensure the safety of a child, particularly a small child, several additional steps should be taken. Before placing a child on an amusement ride, parents should assume an active role in determining whether a particular ride is appropriate for their child. Remember to:

Watch—Watch the ride in operation and make sure your child can ride it safely.

Observe—Observe the ride operator for alertness and awareness of the ride's operation and patron reaction.

Explain—Explain to your child about appropriate behavior. The importance of keeping their hands and feet inside, staying seated, holding on, and obeying the ride operator's instructions.

Ask—Ask the ride operator to stop the ride if your child cries or shows signs of distress.

How can you help

In addition to following the safety tips, if you see an amusement ride that does not appear to be safe:

- Notify a park, fair or carnival Representative; and,
- Call the Amusement Ride Safety Inspection Unit at 410-767-2348.

