



Since 1976, Maryland's Amusement Attraction Safety Inspection Program has worked together with the Amusement Attraction Safety Advisory Board, Maryland Association of Agricultural Fairs and Shows, The Maryland State Showmen's Association, and individual attraction 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 Attraction 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 Attraction Safety Inspection Unit works hard to ensure the safe and enjoyable use of amusement attraction. Please always follow these safety tips.

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

AR REG #	RIDE/ATTRACTION NAME	W.O.	EXPIRATION DATE	LOCATION

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

Safety Tips (Continued)

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

Rider Responsibility

Patrons of amusement attraction 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 patrons.

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

No one should engage an amusement attraction 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 in or on an amusement attraction, parents should assume an active role in determining whether a particular attraction is appropriate for their child. Remember to: *Watch*—Watch the attraction in operation and make sure your child can participate safely. *Observe*—Observe the attraction operator for alertness and awareness of the attraction'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 attraction operator's instructions. *Ask*—Ask the attraction 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 attraction that does not appear to be safe:

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

