

## **Safety Guidelines:**

Directory of State Amusement Ride Safety Officials



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## PREFACE

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission) is an independent federal regulatory agency established by Congress in the Consumer Product Safety Act to protect the public against unreasonable risks of injury and death from consumer products.

The Recalls & Compliance Division within the Office of Compliance is responsible for, among other things, identifying defects in consumer products which present substantial product hazards and developing recalls designed to remove such products from both consumers and the chain of distribution.

The Commission has jurisdiction ONLY over mobile amusement rides, i.e. those rides transported from location to location. According to the best available information, currently, eight states do not have state administered inspection programs for mobile rides; and eight states and the District of Columbia do not have state administered inspection programs for fixed-site rides. While authority under each state's legislation differs, the main purpose is the prevention of ride incidents through the early identification of unsafe and defective rides.

This *Directory* identifies the individual state offices dedicated to ride safety to encourage communication among the states and the federal government. Some Canadian government contacts have also been identified in the directory. The high level of expertise developed by state amusement ride officials and their willingness to share their investigative reports and their expertise have been invaluable in identifying unsafe amusement rides and preventing future ride incidents on a national level. We also include contacts for various amusement ride industry organizations and associations, whose interests include ride safety.

The CPSC staff engages in the following activities to foster amusement ride safety:

1. Serving as a clearinghouse for safety information on ride incidents identified by Commission investigators and state and local ride officials. We transmit this information to state and local officials periodically or as needed.
2. Working on voluntary safety standards for mobile amusement rides through the Council for Amusement & Recreational Equipment Safety (CARES), the National Association of Amusement Ride Safety Officials (NAARSO), the Outdoor Amusement Business Association (OABA), and Amusement Industry Manufacturers & Suppliers International, Ltd. (AIMS International, Ltd.).
3. Developing technical expertise for mobile amusement rides.
4. Undertaking investigations to identify specific mobile rides which may contain defects which present substantial product hazards. Most Commission investigations are in response to mobile ride incidents. As complaints are received either from state officials, consumers, or others, our technical staff evaluates them and we take appropriate follow-up action.
5. Assisting individual states in the preparation of their own legislation by identifying state contacts and examples of legislation.

6. Providing state and local officials and media information on deaths and injuries associated with amusement rides.

Valery Ceasar, Compliance Officer, Recalls & Compliance Division, Office of Compliance, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is responsible for coordinating the Commission's mobile amusement ride safety activities. If you have any questions concerning the program, please contact her at 301-504-7605, fax 301-504-0359, or e-mail [vceasar@cpsc.gov](mailto:vceasar@cpsc.gov).

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# **Amusement Ride Safety Program**

## **State Regulation & Inspection Of Amusement Rides**

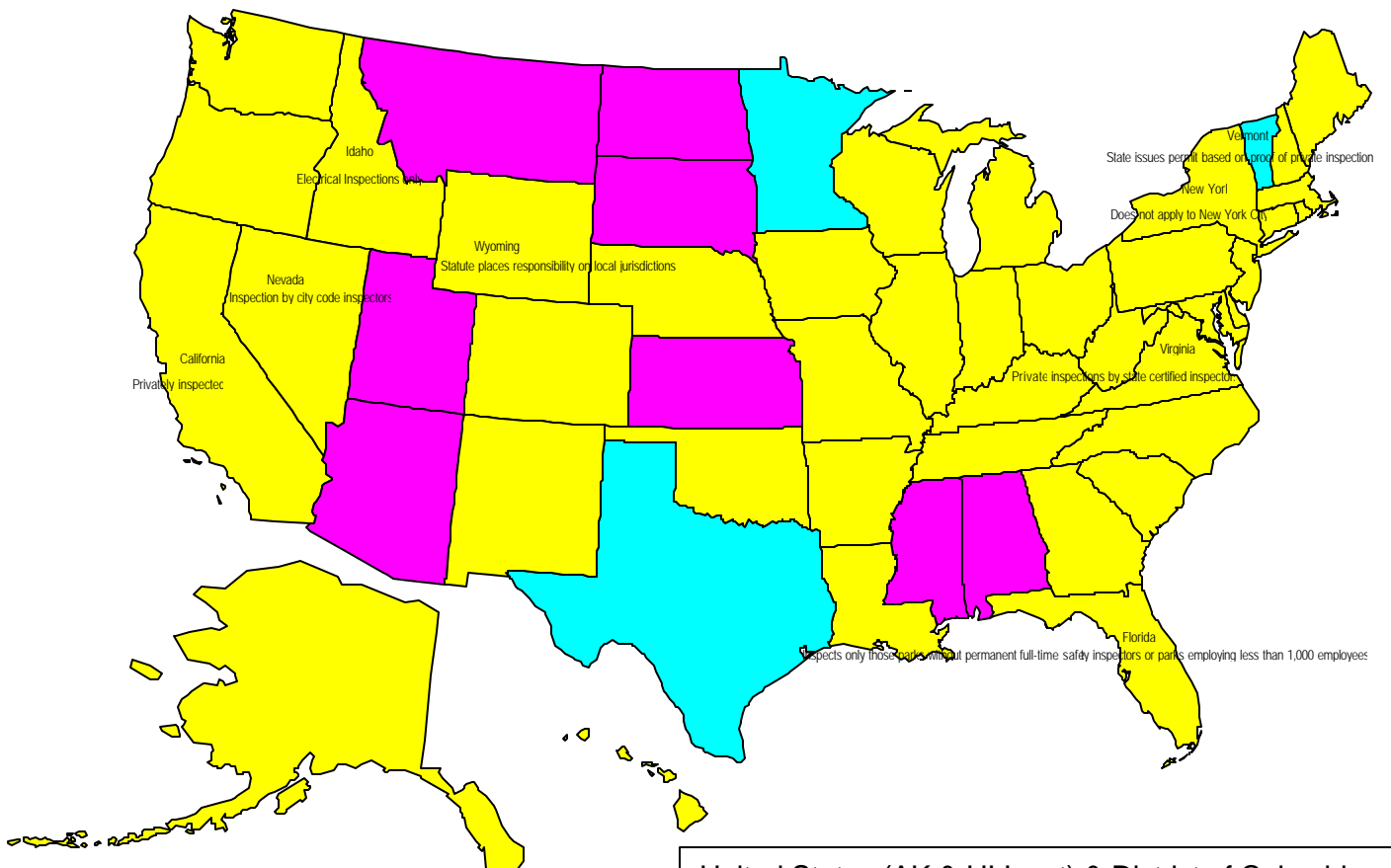
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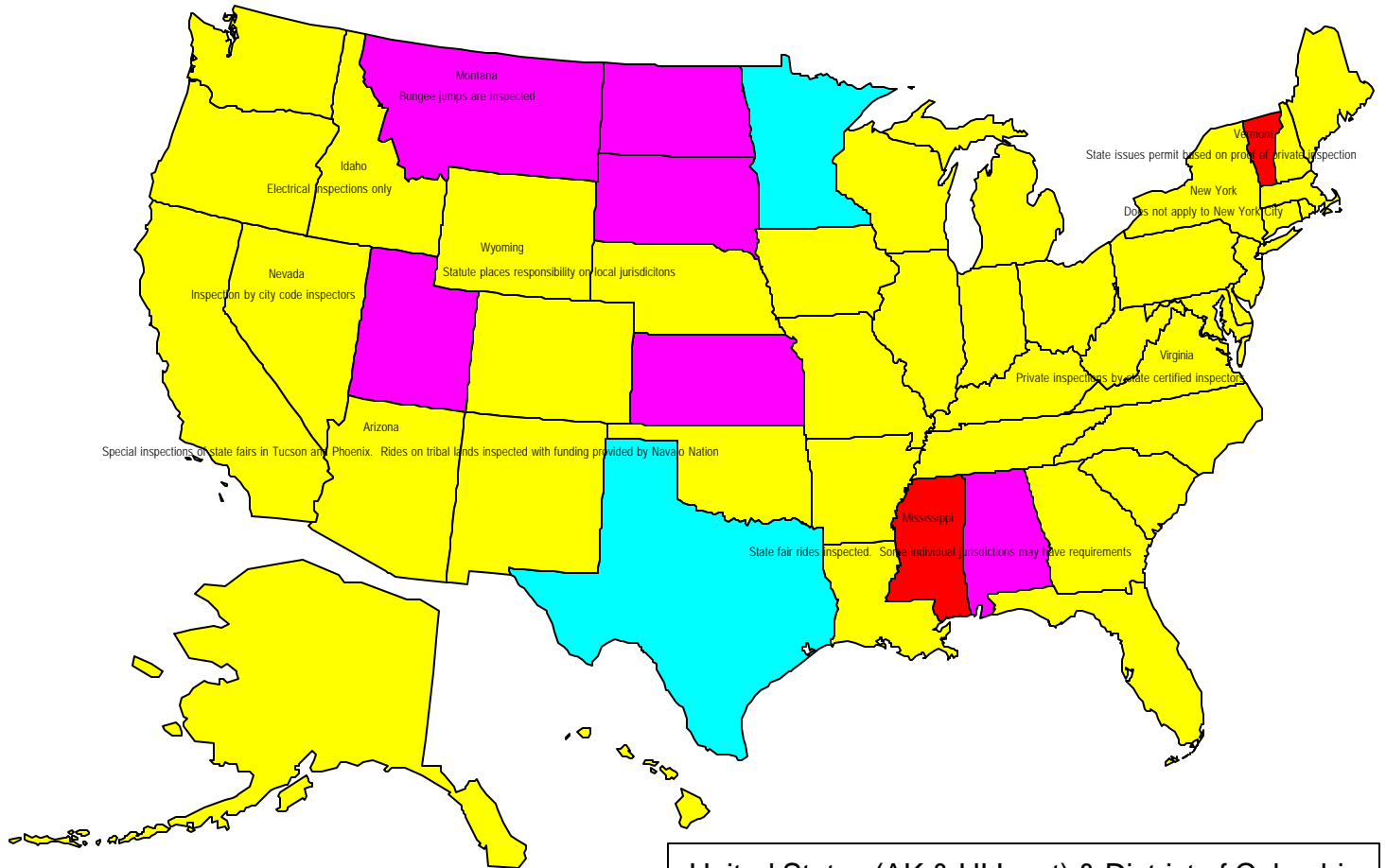
### Inspection by State of Fixed Site Amusement Rides



United States (AK & HI Inset) & District of Columbia  
by Fixed Site Rides

- State/Local & Private Inspections &/or Insurance (39)
- Private Inspection &/or Insurance Required (3)
- No Regulations or Inspections (9)

# Inspection by State of Mobile Amusement Rides



United States (AK & HI Inset) & District of Columbia  
by Mobile Rides

- State or Local Inspection (2)
- State/Local & Private Inspections &/or Insurance (41)
- Private Inspection &/or Insurance Required (2)
- No Regulations or Inspections (6)

## **Alabama**

CONTACT: Jamey Durham, Director  
Injury Prevention Division  
State Department of Health  
P.O. Box 303017  
Montgomery, AL 36130-1701

TELEPHONE: (334) 206-5634  
FAX: (334) 206-5324

STATUTE: None

PERMITS AND LICENSES: None

INSPECTION: None

NOTES:

E-MAIL CONTACT: Jamey Durham  
jdurham@adph.state.al.us

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## **Alaska**

**CONTACT:** Al Nagel, Program Manager  
Mechanical Inspection  
State of Alaska  
Department of Labor  
3301 Eagle Street - Suite 302  
Anchorage, AK 99503

**TELEPHONE:** (907) 269-4925  
**FAX:** (907) 269-4632

**STATUTE:** Sec. As 05.20.070 & 8 AAC 78.290 Sec. 05.20.010 - 120 and 8  
ACC 78.010-900 Compliance with Administrative Act

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** \$1 million liability insurance policy required for both tramways  
and amusement rides. Minimum 10 day notification to Department  
before operation can begin

**INSPECTION:** Performed by the Alaska Department of Labor

**NOTES:** NAARSO Member Dennis Bowden - (907) 269-4928 - Randy Carr  
(907) 269-4916

**E-MAIL CONTACT:** AlNagel  
anchorage\_lss\_mi@labor.state.ak.us

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## **Arizona**

CONTACT: Darin Perkins, CESI  
Director, State OSHA  
Arizona Department of Administration - Risk Management  
P.O. Box 19070  
Phoenix, AZ 85005-9070

TELEPHONE: 602-542-5795 or 1693  
FAX: (602) 542-1614

STATUTE: None

PERMITS AND LICENSES: None

INSPECTION: By private agency or insurance company. Inspection of rides at annual State Fairs in Tucson and Phoenix. Inspection of rides on tribal lands inspected with funding by Navajo Nation. Rides inspected on Navajo Nation Indian Reservation. Contact: Herman Shorty, P.O. Box 2372, Window Rock, AZ 86515

NOTES:

E-MAIL CONTACT: Darin Perkins  
DPerkins@ica.state.az.us

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## **Arkansas**

**CONTACT:** Clark Thomas, AOSH Supervisor  
Arkansas Occupational Safety and Health  
Arkansas Dept. of Labor  
10421 W. Markham  
Little Rock, AR 72205

**TELEPHONE:** (AOSH) (501) 682-9091  
**FAX:** (501) 682-4532

**STATUTE:** Act No. 631 of the 1995 Arkansas General Assembly, Amusement Ride Law, Arkansas code Annotated 23-89-501 et.seq.

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Proof of Liability insurance and a current Safety Inspection by ADOL must be kept on site. The fee for inspection is on a graduated scale.

**INSPECTION:** State Inspections must be made at the time of set up. Notice must be given to the Arkansas Dept of Labor of the intent to operate an amusement ride and such notice must be given a minimum of four working days prior to the operation of the ride. The notice must be in writing and specify the location, date and time of intended operation. One million dollars liability insurance is required. Inspections include mobile rides, go-kart, bungee, water parks, inflatables, climbing walls, and fixed amusements sites. NAARSO certified Inspectors.

**NOTES:** Additional Contact: Mike Watson, Supervisor, Arkansas Occupational Safety & Health (AOSH) (501) 682-4523. 8 inspectors.

**E-MAIL CONTACT:** Clark Thomas  
thomas.clark@dol.gov

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## **California**

**CONTACT:** Al Tafazoli, Principal Engineer  
Department of Industrial Relations  
Division of Occupational Safety and Health  
Amusement Ride Section  
2000 East McFadden Avenue, Suite 210  
Anaheim, CA 92705

**TELEPHONE:** (714) 567-7211  
**FAX:**

**STATUTE:** California Labor Code - Portable Amusement Rides - Part 8 and  
Permanent Amusement Rides - Part 8.1 Part 3 Chapter 4 - Aerial  
Passenger Tramways.

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** AR - Operating permit expires March 1 of each year. PT - Annual  
Operating Permit

**INSPECTION:** Aerial Passenger Tramways & Mobile rides inspected by the  
Occupational Safety & Health Division. Tramways are inspected  
twice a year. Mobile rides are inspected at least once a year.  
Permanent Ride inspections annually by State and Qualified Safety  
Inspector [twice]. State inspection requirements for Bungee  
Jumping Operations. Bungee Jumping is considered an amusement  
and all sites are inspected.

**NOTES:** Additional state contacts: James Borwey; Nancy Medeiros (916)  
263-7995. Brian Eckmin - Chief Inspector So. Calif. Mark  
Hanlon - PE, QSI (714) 843-9005.

**E-MAIL CONTACT:** Al Tafazoli  
atafazoli@hq.dir.ca.gov

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## **California**

CONTACT: Paul Buckenroth, Executive Assistant  
Event Planners Association  
Insurance Coverage & Member Benefits  
25950 Acero, Suite 370  
Mission Viejo, CA 92691

TELEPHONE: (866) 380-3372  
FAX:

STATUTE:

PERMITS AND LICENSES:

INSPECTION:

NOTES:

E-MAIL CONTACT: Paul Buckenroth  
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## **California**

CONTACT: Nancy Mederios, Sr. Engineer  
Department of Industrial Relations  
Division of Occupational Safety and Health  
Amusement Ride Section  
2424 Arden Way, Suite 340  
Sacramento, CA 95825

TELEPHONE: (916) 263-3511  
FAX:

STATUTE:

PERMITS AND LICENSES:

INSPECTION:

NOTES:

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nmederios@dir.ca.gov

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## **California**

CONTACT: Michael King, Associate ERT Engineer  
Department of Industrial Relations  
Division of Occupational Safety and Health  
Amusement Ride Section  
2424 Arden Way, Suite 340  
Sacramento, CA 95825

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FAX:

STATUTE:

PERMITS AND LICENSES:

INSPECTION:

NOTES:

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mking@dir.ca.gov

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## **California**

CONTACT: Mark Hanlon  
3001 Redhill Avenue, Bldg #5-105  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

TELEPHONE: (714) 641-1469  
FAX: (714) 641-2818

STATUTE:

PERMITS AND LICENSES:

INSPECTION:

NOTES:

E-MAIL CONTACT: Mark Hanlon  
hanlon@flash.net

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## **Colorado**

**CONTACT:** Paul Tauriello, Director  
State of Colorado Division of Public Safety  
Division of Oil & Public Safety  
1515 Arapahoe Street Tower 3 - Suite 660  
Denver, CO 80202

**TELEPHONE:** (303) 318-8495  
**FAX:** (303) 318-8488

**STATUTE:** Colorado revised statue of 1973 | 8-1-107 1G; 8-1-140; 8-1-141; 8-1-101-2d

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:**Registration of rides are required by all owners of both fixed site and mobile rides. Registration is required for amusement parks or carnivals for the particular year. Issuance of a certificate of registration for \$100

**INSPECTION:** Inspection performed by insurance company or private firms

**NOTES:** Safety Specialist:Janeen Smith

**E-MAIL CONTACT:** Paul Tauriello  
p.tauriello@state.co.us

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## **Connecticut**

**CONTACT:** John Blaschik, Deputy State Fire Marshall  
Office of State Fire Marshal  
Division of Fire, Emergency & Building Services  
Department of Public Safety  
1111 Country Club Road P.O. Box 2794  
Middletown, CT 06457-9294

**TELEPHONE:** (860) 685-8460  
**FAX:** (860) 685-8359

**STATUTE:** Regulations - Sections 29-129 through 29-143a Chapter 532 of the  
Connecticut General Statute

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Application for inspection needs to be submitted 15 days prior  
opening date to allow for scheduling of inspection

**INSPECTION:** Inspection: Annual inspection by professional engineer [PE] Re-  
inspection of mobile carnival rides at each new site. Annual  
inspection of permanent sites

**NOTES:** Amusement parks are inspected once annually before opening.  
Other Contacts: Scott Llewellyn & Sgt. Patrick Murphy; and Sgt.  
Ed Bednarz; 12 Inspectors. C.A.R.E.S. & NAARSO members (4)  
certified - Level 1.

**E-MAIL CONTACT:** John Blaschik  
john.blaschik@po.state.ct.us

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## **Delaware**

**CONTACT:** Randy Lee, Chief Deputy Fire Marshal  
Office State Fire Marshal  
22705 Park Avenue  
Georgetown, DE 19947

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**FAX:** (302) 856-5800

**STATUTE:** Title 16, Chapter 64, Section 6404A; authorizes regulations for Bungee Jumping. Regulations effective March 30, 1993. Legislation effective June 1, 1985: Title 16 of Delaware Code Chapter 64; covers mobile and fixed site amusement rides. Yearly permit which must be obtained by June 1 of each year

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Electrical inspections required for each carnival/fair or show "set up"

**INSPECTION:** Third party deemed as insurance carrier Re-inspection of mobile carnival rides at each new site

**NOTES:** Insurance inspections rather than state; no specific guidelines for inspection. NAARSO member

**E-MAIL CONTACT:** Randall Lee  
randall.lee@state.de.us

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## **District of Columbia**

**CONTACT:** Don Masoero, Administrator  
Building and Land Regulation Administration  
Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs  
941 North Capital Street N.E. Room 2117  
Washington, DC 20002

**TELEPHONE:** (202) 442-4538  
**FAX:** (202) 442-4539

**STATUTE:** DC Construction Code of 1992

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Licenses required for carnival before the rides begin operating

**INSPECTION:** D.C. inspects amusement rides operating at carnivals, circuses and neighborhood festivals in the District of Columbia

**NOTES:**

**E-MAIL CONTACT:** Don Masoero  
Donald.masoero@dc.gov

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## **Florida**

**CONTACT:** Robert Jacobs, Bureau Chief  
Bureau of Fairs and Expositions  
State of Florida  
Department of Agriculture  
3125 Conner Blvd. Suite N  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1650

**TELEPHONE:** (850) 488-9790 or 800-226-8030  
**FAX:** (850) 488-9023

**STATUTE:** Florida Statute 616.242(2) delegates the authority for enforcement.

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Governs all mobile rides. Safety inspection is state law. Rides inspected are inspected every time they are set up. Water park, permanent park and go-cart tracks are inspected annually and then six months later for recertification.

**INSPECTION:** Inspects any mobile ride and fixed sites without full-time safety inspectors. Bungee Jumping operations are inspected. Does not inspect permanent facilities that employ 1000 or more full time employees and maintain permanent safety inspectors.

**NOTES:** State regulates "Bungee Jumping". C.A.R.E.S & NAARSO members. 15 state inspectors. Additional agency contacts: Rob Jacobs, Field Coordinator; Allen Harris, Florida Bureau of Fair Ride Inspections (850-922-2330).

**E-MAIL CONTACT:** Robert Jacobs  
jacobsr@doacs.state.fl.us

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## **Georgia**

**CONTACT:** Earl Everett, Director & Chief Safety Engineer  
Georgia Department of Labor  
Safety Engineering Section  
1700 Century Circle  
Atlanta, GA 30345

**TELEPHONE:** (404) 679-0687 x 101  
**FAX:** 404-982-3405

**STATUTE:** (Stationary) Amusement Rides Title 34 Chapter 12 Effective January 1, 1986. (Mobile) Carnival Rides Title 34 Chapter 13 Effective January 1, 1987. Tramways and Skilifts are covered under Amusement Rides. Chapter 300-8-3 Rules of Georgia Department of Labor Safety Regulations for Bungee Jumping

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Permits are required annually for all amusement devices prior to issuance of a permit the manager/operator must file proof of insurance in the amount of at least \$500,000.00 bodily injury liability coverage, and application for a permit, a list of rides and serial numbers and the fee as required by regulation. Carnivals require \$1 million insurance

**INSPECTION:** Rides are inspected at first 'set up' each year, and spot checked several times thereafter.

**NOTES:** Additional department contact: Marcus Lovelady, Amusement Ride Safety Specialist, Phone (404) 679-0687 x 107. C.A.R.E.S. & NAARSO members.

**E-MAIL CONTACT:** Earl Everett  
earl.everett@dol.state.ga.us

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## **Hawaii**

**CONTACT:** Maurice Morita, Elevator Inspection Supervisor  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations  
Division of Occupational Safety and Health  
Boiler and Elevator Inspection Bureau  
830 Punchbowl Street, Room 423  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**TELEPHONE:** (808) 586-9141  
**FAX:** (808) 586-9150

**STATUTE:** Chapter 397, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Boiler and Elevator Safety Law. Chapter 250 of Occupational Safety and Health Standards

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Certificate of Inspection is attached to ride after each inspection

**INSPECTION:** Rides inspected every six months by State

**NOTES:** Elevator inspectors do the amusement device inspections.  
NAARSO Member

**E-MAIL CONTACT:** Maurice Morita  
maurice.k.morita@hawaii.gov

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## **Idaho**

**CONTACT:** Jeff Fitzooff, Electrical Bureau Chief  
Division of Building Safety  
Electrical Bureau  
1090 E. Water Tower Street  
Meridan, ID 83642

**TELEPHONE:** (208) 334-2183  
**FAX:** (208) 334-2683

**STATUTE:** Electrical Inspections ONLY. Idaho Code: Title 54 Chapter 10

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Permits and inspection required for each set up or annually, prior to first show, for permanent locations

**INSPECTION:** Permits and inspection required for each set up or annually, prior to first show, for permanent locations

**NOTES:** May be regulated at local level on local ordinance in some cities

**E-MAIL CONTACT:** Jeff Fitzooff  
jfitzooff@dbs.idaho.gov

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## **Illinois**

**CONTACT:** Douglas W. Rathbun,  
Illinois Department of Labor  
Carnival & Amusement Ride Inspection Division  
#1 W. Old State Capitol Plaza, Rm. 300  
Springfield, IL 62701-1217

**TELEPHONE:** (217) 558-7194  
**FAX:** (312) 793-2081

**STATUTE:** Illinois Carnival & Amusement Rides Safety Act. Illinois  
Compiled Statutes 430 ILCS 85/2-1 et seq.

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Permits and Licenses: Title 56: Labor and Employment Chap. XIII:  
Carnival-Amusement Safety Board, Part 6000: Carnival &  
Amusement Ride Inspection Law. Fixed and Mobile operators  
must apply for annual permits. Ride and attraction must pass safety  
inspection before permit is issued. Liability insurance is  
mandatory. Fees are: Kiddie \$30 Other \$75 each

**INSPECTION:** Annual inspection of amusement rides, amusement attractions, ski  
lifts, rope tows, go-carts & bungee cord devices. Follow-up  
inspections are unannounced

**NOTES:** C.A.R.E.S. & NAARSO Members. Total staff of five inspectors

**E-MAIL CONTACT:** Douglas Rathbun  
doug.rathbun@illinois.gov

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## **Indiana**

**CONTACT:** Debra Jackson, Director of Amusement Rides  
Office of State Building Commissioner  
302 West Washington Street , Room E243  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

**TELEPHONE:** (317)232-1405 or 2670  
**FAX:** (317) 232-0146

**STATUTE:** Indiana Amusement revised Code Title 685 IAC 1

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Are required

**INSPECTION:** Rides are inspected on first "setup" each year. They are then subject to inspection each additional time they are "setup"

**NOTES:** Covers mobile rides, ski lifts, and fixed site. Also contact: Mara Snyder (317) 233-5341

**E-MAIL CONTACT:** Debra Jackson  
djackson@dhs.in.gov

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## **Iowa**

**CONTACT:** Steven Slater, Deputy Labor Commissioner  
Iowa Division of Labor  
1000 E. Grand Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50319-0209

**TELEPHONE:** (515) 281-3647  
**FAX:** (515) 281-7995

**STATUTE:** State Code - Chapter 88A, "Safety Inspection of Amusement Rides"

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Amusement ride operators must submit a completed permit application package no later than May 1 of each year. Operating an amusement ride without the required permit is a serious misdemeanor. For more information or to obtain a permit application form, visit <http://www.iowaworkforce.org/labor/amusement.htm>.

**INSPECTION:** Each ride must pass inspection before the first time it is operated in Iowa each year. Additional inspections may occur at the discretion of the Labor Commissioner.

**NOTES:**

**E-MAIL CONTACT:** Jim Borwey  
[james.borwey@iwd.iowa.gov](mailto:james.borwey@iwd.iowa.gov)

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## **Kansas**

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Bureau of Environmental Health Services  
Kansas Department of Health and Environment  
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Topeka, KS 66612

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FAX: (785) 296-6522

STATUTE: None

PERMITS AND LICENSES: None

INSPECTION: None

NOTES:

E-MAIL CONTACT: Mary Glassburner  
rmorrissey@kdhe.state.ks.us

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## **Kentucky**

**CONTACT:** Chad Halsey, Chief Inspector  
Kentucky Department of Agriculture  
Division of Regulation and Inspection  
107 Corporate Drive  
Frankfort, KY 40601

**TELEPHONE:** (502) 573-0282  
**FAX:** (502) 564-5669

**STATUTE:** KRS Chapter 247, effective July 5, 1988.302 KAR 16.08E special regulations for "bungee jumping" operations

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** \$50.00 permit fee, good for one year

**INSPECTION:** One annual inspection required by state. Mobile & fixed site amusements, ski lifts, water slides, air inflatables, and go-cart establishments are all covered

**NOTES:** A members of AIMs, CARES & NAARSO; Randy Wise, Director of Division of Regulation & Inspection. Alternate - Doug Rathbun  
Five state inspectors. Ten part-time inspectors. Carl 859-824-4915 & 859-802-9393

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chad.halsey@kyagr.com

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## **Louisiana**

**CONTACT:** Bill Owens, Mechanical Section Manager  
Louisiana State Fire Marshal Office  
Mechanical Safety Section  
8181 Independence Blvd.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

**TELEPHONE:** (225) 925-4297  
**FAX:** (225) 925-3699

**STATUTE:** R.S. 40:1484 Louisiana Amusement Ride Safety Law

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Permit issued and recorded on sticker which is placed on the ride, after inspection by NAARSO - Level 1 - inspector \$20 fee.

**INSPECTION:** Unannounced semi-annual inspection of stationary rides. Mobile rides inspected at each set up with follow-up inspection to insure compliance.

**NOTES:** NAARSO & CARES certified members (225)925-4297. Done by state employed inspectors.

**E-MAIL CONTACT:** Bill Owens  
bowens@dps.state.la.us

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## **Maine**

**CONTACT:** Stephen Dixon, Inspector  
Department of Public Safety  
Office of State Fire Marshal  
State House Station 52  
Augusta, ME 04333-0052

**TELEPHONE:** (207) 624-3870 or 207-557-0110 cell  
**FAX:** (207) 624-8767

**STATUTE:** Title 8, Sec. 501 & 502 General law State of Maine

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Requires permits and registration for license

**INSPECTION:** Annual on-site inspection of fairs, carnivals, circuses, etc. upon entering state. Annual inspection of fixed site rides. Inspection of mobile rides as set up and reassembled. Inspected as complaints received

**NOTES:** Notes: C.A.R.E.S. & NAARSO members. Ski lifts and Tramways regulated by: State of Maine, Bureau of Labor Standards, Tramway Division, State House Station #45, Augusta, ME 04333, Telephone (207) 624-6420. Additional Contact: Stephen Dodge - (207) 624-8737. State employees.

**E-MAIL CONTACT:** Stephen Dixon  
stephen.w.dixon@maine.gov

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## **Maryland**

**CONTACT:** Craig Lowry, Chief Inspector  
Maryland Division of Labor & Industry  
1100 N. Eutaw Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201

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**FAX:** (410) 333-7721:

**STATUTE:** Amusement Ride Safety, Business Regulations Article, Title 3.  
Annotated Code of Maryland. Code of Maryland Regulations  
09.12.62, 63 & 64 [COMAR]

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Certificate of Inspection required for each ride, each time moved  
and reassembled. Certificate of Insurance required: Not less than  
\$200,000 for non-mechanical rides \$350,000 for mechanical

**INSPECTION:** Annual inspections of fixed site amusement parks. Mobile rides  
inspected each time ride is moved and reassembled

**NOTES:** Additional contacts: Salvatore Sapienza; Raymond A. Hess; Safety  
Inspectors. Ski lifts, tramways, water slides and go carts also  
regulated by this agency. Fifteen state inspectors. C.A.R.E.S &  
NAARSO members. Craig Lowry (410) 767-2992. Robert  
McGeeney (410) 767-2178

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safe4u@erols.com

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## **Massachusetts**

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Department of Public Safety  
Division of Inspections  
1 Ashburton Place, Room #1301  
Boston, MA 02108

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**FAX:** (617) 248-0813 or Taunton Office (617) 727-3636 x 533

**STATUTE:** Chapter 140, Section 205 (A), Regulation 520CMR5. Ski Lifts  
operate under Chapter 143 Section 71H-R

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Annual permitting required for Mobile Sites

**INSPECTION:** Initial inspection performed by licensed insurance representative  
approved by state Public Safety Office - if an accident occurs or if  
anyone is injured a State Department Engineer steps in. Annual  
and intermittent inspection of mobile rides. Annual on-site  
inspection of fairs, carnivals, circuses, etc. upon entering the state.  
Intermittent on-site inspection of mobile rides as progress through  
state. Fixed sites also inspected by insurance company, inspection  
is reported to the Public Safety Office with no follow-up from  
state.

**NOTES:** Amusement Permits - Buddy Benoit. Tramway Board - Phil  
Johnson - 508-898-0167. Ski lifts are covered by a different  
division with in the department.

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## **Michigan**

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Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth  
Commercial Enforcement Division  
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Lansing, MI 48909

**TELEPHONE:** (517) 241-9273  
**FAX:** (517) 335-7750

**STATUTE:** Public Act 199 of 1962 carnivals & amusement rides. Public Act 225 of 1996 ski areas

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Permits and Licenses: Obtained from Commercial Licensing Division, P.O. Box 30018, Lansing, MI 48909. Ann Milben, Licensing Administrator, (517) 241-9233 T (517) 373-1044 Fax. Both mobile and fixed site ride operators apply for annual permits. Must pass inspection before issuance of permit

**INSPECTION:** Annual inspection. Periodic inspections based upon past history. Some cities in Michigan require a state inspection before rides can operate

**NOTES:** Water slides also covered - require plans specification, stress analysis and engineering certification. Cares, ASTM, ANSI

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## **Minnesota**

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Code Administration & Inspection Services  
Department of Labor & Industry  
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**FAX:** (651) 296-1140

**STATUTE:** Minnesota Statutes Chapter 184B (7 Sections)

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** None

**INSPECTION:** \$1 million minimum insurance per occurrence. Require a certificate of insurance or affidavit of inspection. \$2000 per day civil penalty for violations

**NOTES:** Additional contacts: Gary Bastian, Commissioner; Gail Blackstone, Asst. Commissioner

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## **Mississippi**

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Consumer Protection Division  
Office of Attorney General  
P.O. Box 22947  
Jackson, MS 39225

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FAX: 601-359-4231

STATUTE: None. State has no statute. Individual cities & municipalities have jurisdiction in their respective areas

PERMITS AND LICENSES: A license is required for tax purposes

INSPECTION: None

NOTES: State Fair Commission inspects each ride erected for annual fair

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## **Missouri**

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Jefferson City, MO 65101

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**FAX:** (573) 751-1744

**STATUTE:** RSMO Chapter 316 Section 316.203 to 316.233

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Permits required for all amusement rides and affixed to each ride, annually. Proof of insurance of not less than \$1 million per occurrence.

**INSPECTION:** Annual inspection by qualified inspector of each ride with inspection stickers and permit affixed to rides.

**NOTES:**

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## **Montana**

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Helena, MT 59620-2951

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FAX: (406) 444-4135

STATUTE: None

PERMITS AND LICENSES: None

INSPECTION: None

NOTES: Additional Contact: Mitzi Schauab

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## **Nebraska**

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Office of Safety and Labor Standards  
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Lincoln, NE 68509-5024

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**FAX:** (402) 471-5039

**STATUTE:** Nebraska Amusement Ride Act Effective August 30, 1987;  
Sections 48-1801 - 48-1820

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Annual Permits issued upon completion of application processes

**INSPECTION:** Inspected annually by the State Inspectors. Not done by Insurance inspectors or private inspectors or outside state inspectors. Nebraska DOL employees.

**NOTES:** Additional contacts: Charles Talbitzer - cell phone (402) 429-5416, William Witt, Manager Ph: (402)-429-2523 or [cell] 402-616-2360 & Maureen Thompson (402) 471-4710. Insurance Requirements: \$300,000 minimum. C.A.R.E.S. member.

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## **Nevada**

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Consumer Affairs  
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Las Vegas, NV 89104

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**FAX:** (702) 486-7371

**STATUTE:** Chapter 22.16, "Amusement & Transportation Rides Code"  
Adopted 5-23-91

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** By City

**INSPECTION:** By city code inspectors

**NOTES:** Clark County Building Inspector, Dave Durke, Civil Engineer III,  
Department of Buildings, 401 South 4th Street, Las Vegas, NV  
89101, (702) 455-3000

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## **New Hampshire**

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Tramway & Amusement Ride Safety  
New Hampshire Department of Safety  
31 Dock Road  
Gilford, NH 03249

**TELEPHONE:** (603) 293-0091  
**FAX:** (603) 293-0096

**STATUTE:** N.H. Revised statutes annotated (RSA) Chapter 321-A

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Registration/Licensed

**INSPECTION:** Prior to registration/licensing, an independent inspector visits the mobile or fixed site ride. Subsequent annual and intermittent inspections conducted by the state on mobile and fixed site rides. Follow up complaints performed by state

**NOTES:** NAARSO member; C.A.R.E.S. member. Additional Contact:  
David T. Barrett, Director, Division of Safety Services, NH Dept of Safety, 31 Dock Rd, Gilford, NH 03246-7627, (603)293-0091

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## **New Jersey**

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Carnival - Amusement Ride Safety Unit  
Bur. of Code Services, Div. Of Codes & Standards  
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs  
PO Box 808, 101 South Broad Street  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0808

**TELEPHONE:** (609) 292-2097  
**FAX:** (609) 984-7084

**STATUTE:** Carnival and Amusement Rides Safety Act (New Jersey Statutes 5:3-31 et seq.) and Carnival-Amusement Rides Regulations (New Jersey Administrative Code Title 5, Chapter 14) with substantive amendments effective March 6, 2000.

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Each ride, mobile or fixed -site, requires an annual permit and Certificate of Insurance (\$100,000). Nondestructive testing plan, ride operations and maintenance manuals must be filed with State prior to issuance of permit. Permit Fees: \$100 Kiddie ride; \$200 Major ride; \$300 Super ride.

**INSPECTION:** Full safety inspections by State inspector required prior to season; carnivals must submit itinerary in advance; mobile rides inspected after set-up at each location; all rides also subject to random inspection throughout season.

**NOTES:** Also includes bungee jumps, go-karts, ski lifts & tramways. 14 State Inspectors. Member of CARES and NAARSO. Additional Contact: Richard Osworth, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Code Services, PO Box 816, Trenton, NJ 08625-0816, Telephone: (609) 984-7974 FAX: (609) 984-7952

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## **New Mexico**

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New Mexico Carnival Program  
Regulation & Licensing Department  
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Albuquerque, NM 87102

**TELEPHONE:** (505) 841-8020  
**FAX:** (505) 827-7045

**STATUTE:** Sections 57-25-1 to -6, New Mexico Statutes Annotated 1978  
(Amended 1996) Carnival Ride Insurance Act

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Inspections and insurance certificates are required to be filed with the state for fixed site and mobile rides. Filing fee is \$50.00 per ride

**INSPECTION:** Annual inspections by a NAARSO inspector and daily inspections by the owner/operator

**NOTES:** \$3 million liability insurance required per ride, included bungee jumping and state fair rides. State fair commission hires own inspectors (four on staff)

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## **New York**

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New York State Department of Labor  
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**FAX:** (518) 485-8054

**STATUTE:** Section 202(b) - Labor Law and Code Rule 45 of Industrial Code  
Rules. Industrial Code Rule 32 (Ski Lifts) Section 202(c)

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Permits Required for mobile and fixed site amusements. Certificate  
of Insurance require minimum \$1 million. Permits: Each \$25  
kiddee rides and \$50 adult rides

**INSPECTION:** Annual on-site inspection of stationary amusement park rides.  
Mobile rides must submit schedules in advance for inspections at  
all stops. Since 1995, water slides inspected

**NOTES:** Joseph Gallagher, Inspections Supervisor for Long Island, Dept. of  
Labor, (516) 565-4660. NAARSO & C.A.R.E.S Members.  
Additionally: NYC contact is Walt Reiss

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## **North Carolina**

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North Carolina Department of Labor  
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Raleigh, NC 27601-1092

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**FAX:** (919) 807-2777

**STATUTE:** General Statutes of North Carolina Chapter 95 - Article 14b

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** A permit number is issued which is recorded on a sticker and attached to the ride following inspection

**INSPECTION:** Semi-annual inspection of stationary rides. Unannounced inspection. Every mobile ride inspected at each set-up. Follow-up inspection to insure compliance with recommendation

**NOTES:** Ski lifts, water slides, go-carts (28 mph limit), and rope tows also regulated and inspected by this agency. Additional Contacts: Clyde Wagner, Assistant Bureau Chief, NAARSO Member

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## **North Dakota**

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Division of Injurt Prevention & Control  
North Dakota Department of Health  
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FAX: (701) 328-1412

STATUTE: None

PERMITS AND LICENSES:None

INSPECTION: None

NOTES: Additional contact: Dawn Mayer, Health Educator

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## Ohio

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Amusement Ride Safety Division  
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Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

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**FAX:** (614) 728-6424

**STATUTE:** Ohio Revised Code Section 1711.50 - 1711.99. Rides; games; novelties; and side shows

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** A permit is issued annually for each mobile amusement ride upon completion of a satisfactory safety inspection. Prior to issuance of a license, the operator must file an Ohio itinerary as well as initiate the filing of a Certificate of Insurance in the amount of at least \$1,000,000.00 bodily injury liability coverage per occurrence. The insurer or company must be recorded on the Certificate of Insurance; and comply with, a 30 day cancellation notice when appropriate to the Ohio Department of Agriculture

**INSPECTION:** Every ride is inspected prior to the issuance of the license. Depending upon the firm's history, rides must be inspected at each subsequent location. Rides found unsafe must be made safe prior to operating again. Licenses are revoked upon failure to maintain adequate insurance coverage and also if the operator fails to make proper repairs. Operators are required to update their Ohio itinerary current

**NOTES:** 9 State Inspectors. NAARSO member.

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## **Oklahoma**

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State Department of Labor  
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**FAX:** (405) 525-0252

**STATUTE:** Oklahoma Amusement Ride Safety Act Title 40 O.S. Sections 460 thru 469 and Adopted Rules dated February 14, 1984; '86; '87; '90; '91; '00; '02; (Rules recodified in 1993)

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Annual registration. Certificate of Operation issued each mobile and fixed locations - each ride is to be registered with the Oklahoma Labor Department

**INSPECTION:** Inspection required by state inspectors: a) Mobile - each time set up; b) Permanent - annual. Insurance is required

**NOTES:** NAARSO, CARES and ASTM-24 Committee Member. Additional contact: Don Hankins, Sr. Inspector Bungee Jumping & Go-carts are also regulated. Copy of Amusement Ride Safety Act at <http://www.okdol.state.ok.us/>

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## **Oregon**

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Salem, OR 97309

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**FAX:** (503) 378-2322

**STATUTE:** Oregon Revised Statutes 460.210 to 460.230 and Departmental  
Administrative Rules

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Annual permit for operation of all amusement rides

**INSPECTION:** Annual inspection of fair, carnivals, circus, etc. state wide. Annual  
inspection of all stationary amusement parks

**NOTES:** Additional contact: Nick Souza, Chief Electrical Inspector, (503)  
881-3876

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## **Pennsylvania**

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Bureau of Rides & Measurement Standards  
Amusement Ride Division  
Department of Agriculture  
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Harrisburg PA 17110

**TELEPHONE:** (717) 787-2291  
**FAX:** (717) 783-4158

**STATUTE:** Amusement Ride Inspection Act & Regulations. 7 Pennsylvania Code - Title 7 - Chapter 139

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Rides must be registered with the Department of Agriculture. An Itinerary and Certificate of Inspection must be provided

**INSPECTION:** Per the regulations. Rides must be inspected by a Certified Inspector every 28 days or every set up, which ever comes first. Quality Control inspections are conducted by State Inspectors on a frequent and random schedule

**NOTES:** Three State Quality Assurance Inspectors. NAARSO member CARES. Additional contact: Joseph Filoromo, Supervisor, Phone (717) 787-2291, FAX (717) 772-2780, Pager (800) 573-1352 Cell: 717-215-4316

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## **Puerto Rico**

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Department of Consumer Affairs  
P.O. Box 41059  
Minillas Station  
San Juan, PR 00940-1059

**TELEPHONE:** (787) 721-0940  
**FAX:** (787) 726-0077

**STATUTE:** Since April 23, 1973, Law #5 - Permits agency to investigate and take necessary action on behalf of consumer. Inflatable Amusement Ride Act 111, April 17, 2003 in progress.

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** The Secretary of Consumer Affairs, part of the President's Cabinet, authorizes Permits and Licenses

**INSPECTION:** Done by Consumer Affairs prior to permitting

**NOTES:**

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## **Rhode Island**

**CONTACT:** John P. Lelden, Director, Building Commissioner  
Department of Administration  
One Capital Hill  
Providence, RI 02908

**TELEPHONE:** (401) 222-3529  
**FAX:** (401) 222-2599

**STATUTE:** State of Rhode Island General Laws, Title 23, Chapter 34.1, Short  
titled: Amusement Ride Safety Act

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Annual registration requirements for each ride (permanent and  
temporary rides included) are: 1) passing annual inspection by  
independent professional engineer, 2) payment of \$50 annual fee,  
and 3) financial responsibility of owner in the amount of one  
million/OCC

**INSPECTION:** Annual inspection by independent professional engineer as  
condition to register the ride annually, and 2) inspection by the  
State Inspector for temporary amusement devices after each set-up

**NOTES:** Additional contact: Mag Guirguis, PE, Supervising Engineer  
(Structural/Mechanical), Amusement Ride Safety Act, (401)222-  
6330

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jleyden@gw.doa.state.ri.us

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## **South Carolina**

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South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulations  
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Columbia, SC 29211-1329

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**FAX:** (803) 896-7650

**STATUTE:** S.C. Code of Laws 41-18-10 thru 41-18-150. S.C. Amusement  
Ride Regulation 71-4000-49 thru 71-4950 Bungee Jumping: 52-  
19-10 thru 52-19-380

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Permit required. Good for 12 months ending Dec. 31st

**INSPECTION:** Yearly and unannounced. Operator inspections also

**NOTES:** \$500,000 liability insurance required; NDT and manuals required;  
daily check sheets and maintenance records required. NAARSO  
member. Additional contact: Jim Cates, Supervisor

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## **South Dakota**

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Office of Health Protection  
South Dakota Department of Health  
600 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501-2536

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FAX: (605) 773-5904

STATUTE: None

PERMITS AND LICENSES: None

INSPECTION: None

NOTES: No fixed site parks in SD

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## **Tennessee**

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Tennessee Department of Labor  
Boiler and Elevator Inspection Section  
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710 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37243

**TELEPHONE:** (615) 532-1394 or 800-249-8510  
**FAX:** (615) 532-1469

**STATUTE:** Tennessee Code 68-19-101 (Elevator Legislation). Standards for elevators, escalators, tramways, aerial rides, dumb-waiters, freight elevators. NOTE: Does not cover carnival and amusement rides with the exception of aerial rides and tramways

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** A state permit is required for new construction and modification annual inspection. Only applicable to Tramways & Ski Lifts

**INSPECTION:** Six month on site inspection for tramways and aerial rides

**NOTES:** Do not have legislation for amusement rides. Do have legislation for tramways because it is covered under their elevator legislation. Additional contact: Dean Dickey, Executive Director, Memphis-Shelby County Safety Council, Memphis Regional Safety Center, 710 James Robinson Parkway, Nashville, TN 37243 (615)532-1968

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## **Texas**

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Loss Control Regulation  
Texas Department of Insurance  
333 Guadalupe  
P.O. Box 149104  
Austin, TX 78714-9104

**TELEPHONE:** (512) 322-2253  
**FAX:** 512-305-7425

**STATUTE:** Insurance Code, Article 21.60. Amusement Ride Safety Inspection & Insurance Act 28 TAC, Subchapter J. §5.9001-5.9014, Rules to implement the Amusement Ride Safety & Inspection Act. Effective January 1, 2000, regulation[s] require that "a person who operates an amusement ride must post signage where consumers can report an unsafe ride or defective ride or an operator who is operating a ride in an unsafe manner..." "...a contact person and number must be available.." "...for all amusement parks, fairs, carnivals, attractions at principle entrance..."

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Insurance requirement is \$100,000 per occurrence with \$300,000 aggregate for Class A Rides and not less than \$1 million per occurrence for Class B Amusement Rides. Insurance policy required by the Texas Department of Insurance for review of compliance

**INSPECTION:** Annual inspection required with inspection certificate submitted to the Texas Department of Insurance for review. Inspectors are required to be professionally qualified by the insurer

**NOTES:** \$20.00 filing fee is required for each amusement ride. A \$20.00 fee for each entire go-cart track. Additional contact: B.J. Morris, P.O. Box 149104, Austin, TX 78714, Phone: (512) 322-3435

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## Utah

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Department of Commerce  
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Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6704

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FAX: (801) 530-6001

STATUTE: None

PERMITS AND LICENSES: None

INSPECTION: None

NOTES: Additional contact: Shauna DeWolf

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## **Vermont**

**CONTACT:** Betty Poulin, Director  
Corporations Division  
Secretary of State  
Heritage One Building  
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Montpelier, VT 05609-1104

**TELEPHONE:** (802) 828-2386  
**FAX:** (802) 828-2853

**STATUTE:** 31 U.S.A. Section 721-724

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Certificate of operation is required, issued by Secretary of State upon post of insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 and fee of \$100. The certificate is valid for 1 year

**INSPECTION:** Currently none

**NOTES:** Contact: Betty Poulin - Licenses and Permits

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## **Virginia**

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Administrative Office  
State Building Code Office  
Commonwealth of Virginia  
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Richmond, VA 23219

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**FAX:** (804) 371-7092

**STATUTE:** Section 36-98.3 of the Code of Virginia Amusement Devices

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** A permit is required from the local building department for the re-assembly or operation of an amusement device

**INSPECTION:** Inspections are performed only by inspectors that have met Virginia's certification requirements

**NOTES:** Additional Contact: Dan Gilham, Manager, (804) 371-7180;  
Fairfax Cty Govt: Terry Moore and Ray Pylant (703) 324-1569/1954. FAX (703) 324-1846. NAARSO trained Level 1

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## **Washington**

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Tumwater, WA 98501

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**FAX:** (360) 902-5296

**STATUTE:** Chapter 67.42 RCW, 19.28 RCW

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Amusement Rides require Permits and Licenses. Annual operating permits

**INSPECTION:** Annual Safety and Mechanical Inspection. Electrical Inspection each "set-up". Maintain liability insurance

**NOTES:** Additional contact: Valerie Valencia, Supervisor Licensing (360) 902-6278. Alternate address: POB 44460, Olympia, WA 98504

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## **West Virginia**

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State Capitol Complex  
Charleston, WV 25305

**TELEPHONE:** (304) 558-7890 ext.120  
**FAX:** (304) 558-3797

**STATUTE:** Amusement Rides and Amusement Attractions Safety Act 21-10 of  
the West Virginia Code

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Annual permit required; expires December 31 of each year.

**INSPECTION:** Law to be changed as of 1/06 relying on insurance company  
inspection reports

**NOTES:**

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## **Wisconsin**

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Madison, WI 53701-2538

**TELEPHONE:** (608) 261-2503  
**FAX:** (608) 267-9723 or 283-7425

**STATUTE:** Chapter 101 & Administrative Code Chapter. COMM 34 -  
Amusement Rides & Devices

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Annual registration required prior to opening to public.  
Registration fee required

**INSPECTION:** Seasonal inspections for mobile and permanent rides. Re-  
inspection when violations are found. Inspection fees required

**NOTES:** Registration & Inspection stickers are applied to each ride.  
NAARSO member. Additional contacts: Marlene Kippley,  
Program Assistant (608) 266-2780. 6 Inspectors.

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## Wyoming

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Consumer Health Services  
Department of Agriculture  
2219 Carey Avenue  
Cheyenne, WY 82002

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FAX: (307) 777-6593

STATUTE: Only statute places all responsibility on local subdivisions

PERMITS AND LICENSES: None

INSPECTION: None

NOTES: Additional contacts: Bruce Wilson & Dennis Thompson and Mike White, City of Cheyenne, Room 202, 2101 O'Neil Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82001, 307-637-6265, 307-637-6277 ext. 277

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## **Quebec, Canada**

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Quebec, Quebec, CANADA G1R 5S3

**TELEPHONE:** (418) 644-1590  
**FAX:** (418) 646-9280

**STATUTE:** Public Buildings Safety Act (R.S.Q., c. S-3); Electrical  
Installations Act (R.S.Q., c. I-13.01); Building Act (R.S.Q., C. B-  
1.1)

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Annual fee eligible from owner of an operating amusement ride

**INSPECTION:** Inspection of fixed site and mobile rides scheduled before the  
operating season and routinely during the season

**NOTES:** Since June 6, 1991 Amusement Rides Regulation (order in council  
649-91) is in force in the Province of Quebec

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**STATUTE:** The Amusements Act (C.C.S.M.C. A70). Safety Code for  
Amusement Rides C.S.A. Z267-M1983

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** A certificate is issued annually for each permanent and mobile  
amusement ride upon completion of a satisfactory safety  
inspection. Issuance requested in writing three days prior to the  
date on which rides intend to operate. Every ride is inspected prior  
to the issuance of a certificate.

**INSPECTION:** Every ride is inspected prior to the issuance of a certificate. Rides  
may be re-inspected at anytime and if found unsafe shall be made  
safe before operating

**NOTES:** Ski lifts and rope tows are also regulated by this department

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**STATUTE:** Amusement Devices Act & Ontario Regulation 342 covers  
Amusement devices, rides, bungee jumping, go-carts, and water  
slides. Elevating Devices Act & Ontario Regulation 316 covers  
Passenger Rampways [Ski Lifts]

**PERMITS AND LICENSES:** Owners and operators in the business of amusement devices is  
required to have a license and permits

**INSPECTION:** The inspection of amusement devices is in accordance with The  
Act & Regulations

**NOTES:**

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**STATUTE:** [Citation or Law]

**REQUIRED PERMITS or LICENSES:** [Costs and frequency required]

**INSPECTIONS:** [Frequency and person(s) required to perform inspections, i.e. private, state or owner]

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