



**DIRECTORY OF STATE AMUSEMENT RIDE
SAFETY OFFICIALS**

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Introduction

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 Defects Investigation 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, 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 to prevent deaths and injuries on amusement rides 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. The high level of expertise developed by state amusement ride officials and their willingness to promote knowledge within this area have been invaluable in identifying unsafe mobile amusement rides and preventing future deaths and injuries on a national level.

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. As complaints or incidents are received, our technical staff evaluates them and staff takes appropriate follow-up actions to promote safety.
5. Compliance staff at the Commission notifies state officials of recalls, safety alerts, and information that promote safety nationwide. As well as, providing information on deaths and injuries associated with mobile amusement rides.
6. Assisting individual states with legislative efforts.

Tanya Topka, Compliance Team Lead, Defects Investigation Division, Office of Compliance, 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) 504-7594 or ttopka@cpsc.gov.

Alabama

CONTACT:

Jamey Durham, Director

State Department of Health Injury
Prevention Division

P.O. Box 303017

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(334) 206-5634

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(334)206-5609

STATUTE:

None

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

None

INSPECTIONS:

None

WEBSITE:

EMAIL:

jameydurham@adph.state.al.us

Alaska

CONTACT:

Al Nagel, Program Manager

Department of Labor Mechanical Inspection

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 AAC 78.010-900 Compliance with Administrative Act

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

\$1 million liability insurance policy required for both
tramways and amusement rides. Minimum 10 days
notification to Department before operation can begin

INSPECTIONS:

Performed by the Alaska Department of Labor

WEBSITE:

www.labor.state.ak.us/lss/mihome.htm

EMAIL:

anchorage.lss-mi@alaska.gov

Arizona

CONTACT:

None

None

TELEPHONE:

FAX:

STATUTE:

None

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

None

INSPECTIONS:

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

WEBSITE:

EMAIL:

Arkansas

CONTACT:

Kevin Looney

Department of Labor Occupational Safety
and Health

10421 W. Markham Little
Rock, AR 72205

TELEPHONE:

(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 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.

INSPECTIONS:

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 amusement sites. NAARSO certified
Inspectors.

WEBSITE:

www.arkansas.gov/labor

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kevin.looney@arkansas.gov

California

CONTACT:

Nancy Medeiros, Senior Engineer

Department of Industrial Relations Division
of Occupational Safety and Health

2424 Arden Way, Suite 340
Sacramento, CA 95825

TELEPHONE:

(916) 263-3511

FAX:

STATUTE:

California Labor Code - Portable Amusement Rides - Part 8
and Permanent Amusement Rides - Part 8.1 Part 3 Chapter
4 - Arail Passenger Tramways

PERMITS LICENSES:

AR - Operating permit expires March 1 of each year. PT -
Annual Operating Permit

INSPECTIONS:

Aerial Passenger Tramway & 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.

WEBSITE:

www.dir.ca.gov

EMAIL:

nmedeiros@dir.ca.gov

Colorado

CONTACT:

Scott Narreau

Division of Public Safety

1515 Arapahoe Street Tower 3,
Suite 660 Denver, CO 80202

TELEPHONE:

(303) 318-8495

FAX:

(303) 318-8488

STATUTE:

Colorado revised statute of 1973 8-1-107 1G; 8-1-140; 8-1-141; 8-1-101-2d

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

Registrations of rides are required by all owners of both fixed site and mobile rides. Registration is required for amusementparks or carnivals for the particular year.

INSPECTIONS:

Inspection performed by insurance company or private firm.

WEBSITE:

www.colorado.gov/cs/satellite/cdle-oilpublicsafety/cdle/1248

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scott.narreau@state.co.us

Connecticut

CONTACT:

Barry Rickert

Office of State Fire Marshal Department of
Public Safety

1111 Country Club Road, P.O. Box
2794 Middletown, CT 06457

TELEPHONE:

(860) 685-8222

FAX:

(860) 685-8359

STATUTE:

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

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

Application for inspection needs to be submitted 15 days
prior opening date to allow for scheduling of inspection

INSPECTIONS:

Inspection: Annual inspection by professional engineer [PE]
Re-inspection of mobile carnival rides at each new site.
Annual inspection of permanent sites. Amusement parks are
inspected once annually before opening.

WEBSITE:

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barry.rickert@ct.gov

Delaware

CONTACT:

Randy Lee, Chief Deputy Fire Marshall

Office of State Fire Marshal

22705 Park Avenue Georgetown,
DE 19947

TELEPHONE:

(302) 856-5600

FAX:

(302) 856-4607

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
LICENSES:**

Electrical inspections required for each carnival/fair or show "set up"

INSPECTIONS:

Third party deemed as insurance carrier. Re-inspection of mobile carnival rides at each new site. Insurance inspections rather than state; no specific guidelines for inspection

WEBSITE:

www.statefiremarshal.delaware.gov

EMAIL:

randall.lee@state.de.us

District of Columbia

CONTACT:

Don Masoero, Administrator

Building and Land Regulation
Administration Department of Consumer

941 North Capital Street, NE Room
2117 Washington DC 20002

TELEPHONE:

(202) 481-3545

FAX:

STATUTE:

DC Construction Code of 1992

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

Licenses required for carnival before the rides begin operating

INSPECTIONS:

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

WEBSITE:

www.dkra.gov

EMAIL:

donald.masoero@dc.gov

Florida

CONTACT:

Allan Harrison

Department of Agriculture Bureau of Fair
Ride Inspections

3125 Conner Blvd., Suite N
Tallahassee, FL 32399

TELEPHONE:

(850) 488-9790

FAX:

(850) 488-9023

STATUTE:

Florida Statute 616.242(2) delegates the authority for
enforcement

**PERMITS
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

INSPECTIONS:

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.

WEBSITE:

www.doacs.state.fl.us/onestop/std/fairride.html

EMAIL:

harrisa@doacs.state.fl.us

Georgia

CONTACT:

Paul Welch

Department of Labor Safety Engineering
Section

1700 Century Circle Atlanta, GA
30345

TELEPHONE:

(404) 679-0690

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 and Bungee Jumping

**PERMITS
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

INSPECTIONS:

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

WEBSITE:

www.dol.state.ga.us

EMAIL:

paul.welch@dol.state.ga.us

Hawaii

CONTACT:

Jennifer Shishido

Department of Labor and Industrial
Relations Division of Occupational Safety

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
LICENSES:**

Certificate of Inspection is attached to ride after each
inspection

INSPECTIONS:

Rides inspected every six months by state

WEBSITE:

www.hawaii.gov/labor/hiosh

EMAIL:

dlir.hiosh.elevators@hawaii.gov

Idaho

CONTACT:

Steve Keys, Ops Manager

Division of Building Safety

1090 E. Water Tower Street
Meridan, ID 83642

TELEPHONE:

(208) 332-8986

FAX:

(208) 334-2683

STATUTE:

Electrical Inspections ONLY. Idaho Code: Title 54 Chapter 10

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

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

INSPECTIONS:

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

WEBSITE:

www.dbs.idaho.gov

EMAIL:

skeys@dbs.idaho.gov

Illinois

CONTACT:

Douglas Rathbun

Department of Labor Carnival and
Amusement Ride Inspection Division

#1 W. Old State Capital Plaza,
Room 300, Springfield, IL 62701

TELEPHONE:

(217) 558-7194

FAX:

(217) 782-0596

STATUTE:

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

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

Permits and Licenses: Title 56: Labor and Employment Chap
XIII: Carnivall-Amusement Safety Board, Part 6000:
Carnival & Amusement Ride Inspection Law. Fixed and

INSPECTIONS:

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

WEBSITE:

www.state.il.us/agency/idol/laws/law85.htm

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doug.rathbun@illinois.gov

Indiana

CONTACT:

Debra Jackson, Director

Office of State Building Commissioner
Amusement Ride Division

302 West Washington Street, Room
E243 Indianapolis, IN 46204

TELEPHONE:

(317) 232-2670

FAX:

(317) 232-6609

STATUTE:

Indiana Amusement revised Code Title 685 IAC 1

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

Are required

INSPECTIONS:

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

WEBSITE:

www.in.gov/legislative/iac/iac_

EMAIL:

djackson@dhs.in.gov

Iowa

CONTACT:

James Borwey, Manager

Division of Labor

1000 E. Grand Avenue Des
Moines, IA 50319

TELEPHONE:

(515) 281-3647

FAX:

(515) 242-5076

STATUTE:

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

**PERMITS
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

INSPECTIONS:

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.

WEBSITE:

www.iowaworkforce.org/amusement.htm

EMAIL:

james.borwey@iwd.iowa.gov

Kansas

CONTACT:

Lori Haskett, Director

Kansas Department of Health and
Environment Bureau of Health Promotion

1000 SW Jackson, Suite 230
Topeka, KS 66612

TELEPHONE:

(785) 296-8163

FAX:

(785) 296-8645

STATUTE:

None

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

None

INSPECTIONS:

None

WEBSITE:

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lhaskett@kdheks.gov

Kentucky

CONTACT:

Chad Halsey, Chief Inspector

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
LICENSES:**

\$50.00 permit fee, good for one year

INSPECTIONS:

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

WEBSITE:

www.kyagr.com

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chad.halsey@ky.gov

Louisiana

CONTACT:

Bill Owens, Mechanical Section Manager

State Fire Marshals Office Mechanical
Safety Division

8181 Independence Blvd. Baton
Rouge, LA 70806

TELEPHONE:

(225) 925-4297

FAX:

(225) 925-3813

STATUTE:

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

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

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

INSPECTIONS:

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

WEBSITE:

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bill.owens@dps.la.gov

Maine

CONTACT:

Stephen Dixon, Inspector

Department of Public Safety Office of State
Fire Marshal

State House Station 52 Augusta,
ME 04333

TELEPHONE:

(207) 626-3890

FAX:

(207) 287-6251

STATUTE:

Title 8, Sec, 501 & 502 General law State of Maine

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

Requires permits and registration for license

INSPECTIONS:

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

WEBSITE:

www.maine.gov

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stephen.w.dixon@maine.gov

Maryland

CONTACT:

Ralph "Kasey" Dillman

Division of Labor & Industry

1100 N. Eutaw Street Baltimore,
MD 21201

TELEPHONE:

(410) 767-2052

FAX:

(410) 333-7721

STATUTE:

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

**PERMITS
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

INSPECTIONS:

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

WEBSITE:

www.dllr.state.md

EMAIL:

rdillman@dllr.state.md.us

Massachusetts

CONTACT:

Edward Kawa

Department of Public Safety Division of
Inspections

1 Ashburton Place, Room 1301
Boston, MA 02108

TELEPHONE:

(617) 727-3200

FAX:

(617) 248-0813

STATUTE:

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

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

Annual permitting required for Mobile Sites

INSPECTIONS:

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.

WEBSITE:

www.access-board.gov/recreation/guides/amuse.htm

EMAIL:

edward.kawa@state.ma.us

Michigan

CONTACT:

Mark Doman

Michigan Department of Labor and
Economic Growth Commercial

P.O. Box 30018 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
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

INSPECTIONS:

Annual inspection. Periodic inspections based upon past
history. Some cites in Michigan require a state inspection
before rides can operate

WEBSITE:

www.michigan.gov/amusement

EMAIL:

domand@michigan.gov

Minnesota

CONTACT:

John Schultz

Department of Labor & Industry Code
Administration & Inspection Services

443 Lafayette Road St. Paul, MN
55155

TELEPHONE:

(651) 284-5821

FAX:

(651) 284-5737

STATUTE:

Minnesota Statutes Chapter 184B (7 Sections)

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

None

INSPECTIONS:

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

WEBSITE:

www.dli.mn.gov

EMAIL:

john.schultz@state.mn.us

Mississippi

CONTACT:

Bridgette Wiggins

Office of Attorney General Consumer
Protection Division

P.O. Box 22947 Jackson, MD
39225

TELEPHONE:

(601) 359-4279

FAX:

(601) 359-4231

STATUTE:

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

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

A license is required for tax purposes

INSPECTIONS:

None

WEBSITE:

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bwill@ago.state.ms.us

Missouri

CONTACT:

Larry Watson

Division of Fire Safety

P.O. Box 844 2401 E. McCarty
Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101

TELEPHONE:

(573) 751-5299

FAX:

(573) 526-5971

STATUTE:

RSMO Chapter 316 Section 316.203 to 316.233

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

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

INSPECTIONS:

Annual inspection by qualified inspector of each ride with inspection stickers and permit affixed to rides

WEBSITE:

www.dfs.dps.mo.gov

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larry.watson@dfs.dps.mo.gov

Montana

CONTACT:

Janet Stetzer

Department of Public Health & Human
Services

Cogswell Building 1400 Broadway
Street Helena, MT 59620

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(406) 444-5309

FAX:

(406) 444-4135

STATUTE:

None

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

None

INSPECTIONS:

None

WEBSITE:

www.saferparks.org/database/agencies/agency_desc.php?age

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jstetzer@mt.gov

Nebraska

CONTACT:

Bud Witt

Office of Safety and Labor Standards

5404 Cedar Street Lincoln, NE
68509

TELEPHONE:

(402)595-2523

FAX:

(402) 595-1360

STATUTE:

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

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

Annual Permits issued upon completion of application
processes

INSPECTIONS:

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

WEBSITE:

www.dol.nebraska.gov/legalregs/228-01.pdf

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bud.witt@nebraska.gov

Nevada

CONTACT:

David Durke, Civil Engineer

Department of Buildings Clark County
Building Inspector

401 South 4th Street Las Vegas,
NV 89101

TELEPHONE:

(702) 455-3000

FAX:

STATUTE:

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

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

By City

INSPECTIONS:

By city code inspectors

WEBSITE:

EMAIL:

New Hampshire

CONTACT:

W. Briggs Lockwood, Chief

Department of Safety Tramway &
Amusement Ride Safety

31 Dock Road Gilford, NH 03249

TELEPHONE:

(603) 293-0091

FAX:

(603) 293-0586

STATUTE:

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

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

Registration/Licensed

INSPECTIONS:

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

WEBSITE:

www.nh.gov/safety/division/sf/tramway/index.html

EMAIL:

wbriggs.lockwood@dof.nh.gov

New Jersey

CONTACT:

Michael D. Triplett, Supervisor of Enforcement

Department of Community Affairs Bureau
of Code Services Division of Codes &

101 South Broad Street P.O. Box
808 Trenton, NJ 08625

TELEPHONE:

(609) 292-2097

FAX:

(609) 984-7084

STATUTE:

Carnival and Amusement Ride 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
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

INSPECTIONS:

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

WEBSITE:

www.state.nj.us/dca/codes/ridesafety/ridesafety.html

EMAIL:

mtriplett@dca.state.nj.us

New Mexico

CONTACT:

Carmen Gomez

Regulation and Licensing Department
Carnival Program

1650 University NE, Suite 201
Albuquerque, NM 87102

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(505) 841-8020

FAX:

(505) 827-7045

STATUTE:

Section 527-25-1 to -6, New Mexico Statutes Annotated
1978 (Amended 1996) Carnival Ride Insurance Act

**PERMITS
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

INSPECTIONS:

Annual inspections by NAARSO inspector and daily
inspections by the owner/operator

WEBSITE:

www.rld.state.nm.us/carnival

EMAIL:

carmen.gomez@state.nm.us

New York

CONTACT:

Lance Lord

Department of Labor

State Office Building Campus
Room 157 Albany, NY 12240

TELEPHONE:

(518)457-1212

FAX:

(518) 457-4411

STATUTE:

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

**PERMITS
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

INSPECTIONS:

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

WEBSITE:

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EMAIL:

lance.lord@labor.ny.gov

North Carolina

CONTACT:

Thomas Chambers

Department of Labor Elevator and
Amusement Device Bureau

11 Hillsboro Street Raleigh, NC
27601

TELEPHONE:

(919) 807-2770

FAX:

(919) 807-2777

STATUTE:

General Statutes of North Carolina Chapter 95 - Article 14b

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

A permit number is issued which is recorded on a sticker and attached to the ride following inspection

INSPECTIONS:

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

WEBSITE:

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EMAIL:

tom.chambers@labor.nc.gov

North Dakota

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STATUTE:

None

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

None

INSPECTIONS:

None

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STATUTE:

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

**PERMITS
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

INSPECTIONS:

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

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STATUTE:

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

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

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

INSPECTIONS:

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

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STATUTE:

Oregon Revised Statutes 460.210 to 460.230 and
Departmental Administrative Rules

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

Annual permit for operation of all amusement rides

INSPECTIONS:

Annual inspection of fair, carnivals, circuss, etc. state wide.
Annual inspection of all stationary amusement parks

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STATUTE:

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

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

Rides must be registered with the Department of
Agriculture. An Itinerary and Certificate of Inspection must
be provided

INSPECTIONS:

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

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FAX:**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
LICENSES:**

The Secretary of Consumer Affairs, part of the President's Cabinet, authorizes Permits and Licenses

INSPECTIONS:

Done by Consumer Affairs prior to permitting

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STATUTE:

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

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

Annual registration requirements for each ride (permanent and temporary rides included) are: 1) passing annual inspection by independent professional engineer, 2) payment

INSPECTIONS:

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

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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
LICENSES:**

Permit required. Good for 12 months ending Dec. 31st

INSPECTIONS:

Yearly and unannounced. Operator inspections also

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**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

None

INSPECTIONS:

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STATUTE:

Tennessee Code 68019-101 (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
LICENSES:**

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

INSPECTIONS:

Six month on site inspection for tramways and aerial rides

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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 principal entrance..."

PERMITS 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.

INSPECTIONS:

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

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**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

None

INSPECTIONS:

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STATUTE:

31 U.S.A Section 721-724

**PERMITS
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

INSPECTIONS:

None

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STATUTE:

Section 36-98.3 of the Code of Virginia Amusement Devices

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

A permit is required from the local building department for
the reassembly or operation of an amusement device

INSPECTIONS:

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

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STATUTE:

Chapter 67.42 RCW, 19.28 RCW

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

Amusement Rides require Permits and Licenses. Annual operating permits

INSPECTIONS:

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

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STATUTE:

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

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

Annual permit required; expires December 31 of each year.

INSPECTIONS:

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

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STATUTE:

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

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

Annual registration required prior to opening to public.
Registration fee required

INSPECTIONS:

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

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STATUTE:

Statue places all responsibility on local subdivisions.

**PERMITS
LICENSES:**

None

INSPECTIONS:

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