

Safety is Our #1 Priority

The Carnival & Amusement Ride Safety Division believes that all kids (and kids at heart) deserve to enjoy amusement rides and amusement attractions in a fun and safe environment.

Your organization can help the Department by ensuring that any owner of an amusement ride or amusement attraction that you contract with is registered with the Department of Labor and maintains current permits to operate for their amusement rides and attractions.

By following this simple step, your organization creates a win/win situation for you and your patrons by ensuring a fun and safe atmosphere for everyone.



If you see an unlicensed amusement ride or amusement attraction and wish to report its illegal operation, please notify Division Manager, Doug Rathbun, at 217/299-5512.

The guidelines outlined in this brochure are designed to help make sure your event is an enjoyable one. Safety is our number one priority and is everyone's responsibility. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact our office at 217/782-9347.

Before You Ride

Please make sure all amusement rides and amusement attractions at your event have a current permit to operate sticker.



A permit sticker, similar to the one above, is applied to the amusement ride or amusement attraction after the annual inspection.

What We Can Do For You

The Department of Labor website has a listing of companies that have registered amusement rides and amusement attractions with our office, contact information for those companies and the amusement rides and amusement attractions each company has in their inventory.

While ride listings are subject to change, our website is a great place to start when planning your next event.

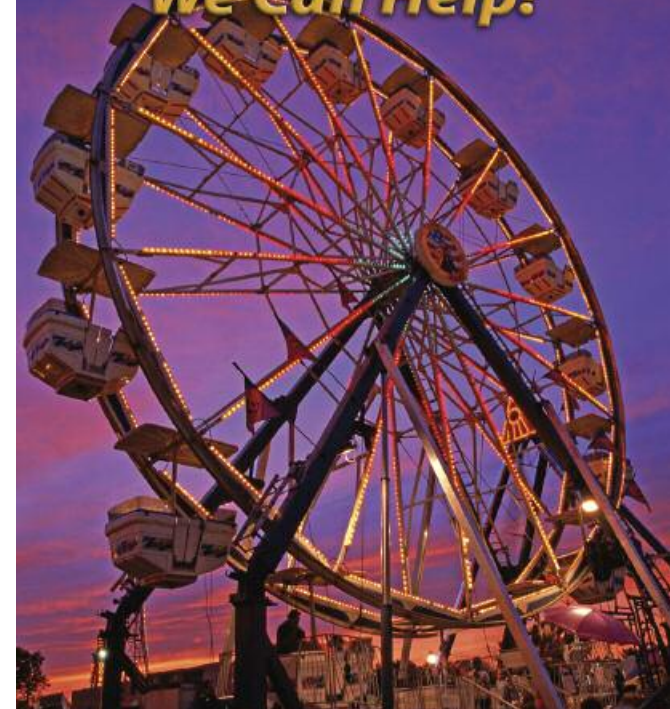
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So...you
want to have
a carnival?
We Can Help!



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Introduction

Since 1985, the Illinois Department of Labor has administered and enforced the Carnival and Amusement Rides Safety Act (430 ILCS 85). The law applies to operators of large commercial amusement companies, small events hosted by civic groups, park districts, associations and churches, as well as rental companies or businesses operating only one amusement ride or amusement attraction on a seasonal or intermittent basis.

The Carnival and Amusement Ride Safety Division is responsible for inspecting and issuing permits for amusement rides and amusement attractions each year prior to operation at public events.

Annual Inspection

Inspectors verify:

- The ride or attraction has passed a safety inspection.
- The ride or attraction is properly insured.
- The operators have been trained to properly operate the rides and attractions.
- The owner has performed a criminal history records check for anyone operating rides or attractions (unless they are a volunteer).
- The owner has performed a check of the Illinois Sex Offender Registry for anyone operating rides or attractions (unless they are a volunteer).
- The owner has a written substance abuse policy in place that includes random drug testing for anyone operating rides or attractions (unless they are a volunteer).

What We Inspect

Each year, our team of inspectors is required to inspect every amusement ride or amusement attraction open to the public to ensure proper set-up and safety prior to operation in Illinois.

In addition to "traditional" amusement rides and amusement attractions, the Department of Labor also inspects the following devices, whether they are mobile or located in fixed parks:



- Alpine Slides
- Ball Crawls
- Bumper Boats
- Bungee Cords and other Elastic Devices
- Dark Rides
- Dry Slides over 20 feet in height
- Euro Jumps/Power Jumps
- Fun Houses
- Go-Kart Tracks
- Haunted Houses
- Homemade Rides *(used at public events)*
- Human Gyroscopes
- Inflatable Attractions
- Mechanical Bulls
- Merry Go Rounds and Carousels
- Obstacle Courses
- Ride Simulators
- Rented Inflatables *(if open to the public)*
- Ski Lifts, Aerial Tramways and Rope Tows
- Swinging Gyms
- Toboggan Slides
- Trains and Trams
- Velcro Walls

Questions to Ask the Company Providing Rides or Attractions for Your Event

(Before you sign the contract)

1. Do you have the required permits to operate from the Department of Labor for all of your rides and attractions?
2. Do you have a current liability insurance policy with coverage in amounts of at least \$1,000,000?
3. Have you performed criminal history background checks for employees that will be operating amusement rides and amusement attractions at our event and will you provide written documentation?
4. Have you performed sex offender registry checks for employees that will be operating amusement rides and amusement attractions at our event and will you provide written documentation?
5. Do you have a substance abuse policy for your employees, which includes random drug testing?
6. Have you performed training for everyone that will be operating amusement rides and amusement attractions at our event and will you provide written documentation?
7. Do you provide the necessary trained staff to operate each amusement ride and amusement attraction?