



“Look for the Sticker”

Local Jurisdictions and Community Organizations:

Before you contract with an amusement ride owner/operator insure compliance with Texas regulations – “Look for the Sticker”

The Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) is the state’s administrator for the Amusement Ride Safety Inspection and Insurance Act, Occupations Code Chapter 2151. To legally operate in Texas, an amusement ride owner/operator must file with TDI an insurance policy with certain minimum limits for bodily injury for persons using the ride and an annual amusement ride safety inspection certificate. The inspection is performed by an approved inspector of the insurance company. Rides meeting the requirements will be issued a TDI Amusement Ride Compliance Sticker (similar to an automobile safety inspection sticker), which will indicate the expiration date of the inspection certificate. The sticker should be affixed to a major component of each ride in a location visible to the ride participants.

The amusement ride owner/operator is required to provide a photocopy of the **inspection certificate** and the required **insurance policy** to any **sponsor, lessor, landowner** or other person responsible for amusement rides publicly used.

What’s considered as an amusement ride?

- Most mobile carnival rides
- Most theme park rides
- Most water park rides and devices
- Amusement rides also include, but are not limited to the following: concession go-karts, rock climbing walls, bungee jumps, mechanical bulls, trackless trains, continuous air flow inflatable rides/devices and various simulators and zip lines.

What’s not considered as an amusement ride?

- Non-mechanized playground equipment
- Physical fitness/training devices or obstacle/ropes course equipment
- Public conveyance devices
- Coin operated rides
- Small rides or devices that do not require the supervision or services of an operator
- Live animal rides
- Motor Sports

What should the public look for at a carnival or amusement park?

- **“Look for the Sticker”**– A compliance sticker should be attached to each ride.
- **“Look for the Sign”**– A sign is required to inform the public how to report (on-site) an amusement ride that appears to be unsafe or to report an amusement ride operator that appears to be violating the law. The sign is to be posted at the principal entrance or at the ticket booths.
- Look for posted height/weight restrictions for riders on certain rides.

Who’s in charge?

- A municipal, county or state law enforcement official may enter and inspect without notice at any time to ensure public safety and may immediately prohibit operation of an amusement ride for non-compliance and/or unsafe operation.
- If requested by law enforcement an amusement ride owner/operator must make available the following documents for each ride:
 1. A copy of the insurance policy
 2. A copy of the inspection certificate
 3. A daily self inspection log (mobile rides only)
- An offense for non-compliance is a Class B misdemeanor.

What’s available on amusement rides from TDI?

- Insurance policies/certificates
- Annual inspection certificates
- Injury reports – filed quarterly by the amusement ride owner/operator
- Governmental action reports (police, judicial or governmental action taken in law forum) – filed quarterly by the amusement ride owner/operator
- Schedule of operating locations and dates for mobile operations

Check with TDI to see if an amusement ride owner/operator is in compliance.

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact the **Texas Department of Insurance** at

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