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# Standard Practice for Ownership, Operation, Maintenance, and Inspection of Amusement Rides and Devices<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This practice provides guidelines for operations, maintenance, and inspection procedures for amusement rides and devices to be performed by the owner/operator.

1.2 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

## 2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*<sup>2</sup>

F1193 Practice for Quality, Manufacture, and Construction of Amusement Rides and Devices

## 3. Significance and Use

3.1 The purpose of this practice is to delineate information and to establish procedures for the operation of amusement rides and devices.

## 4. Owner/Operator's Responsibility

4.1 Each owner/operator shall prepare an Operating Document for each amusement ride or device based on the recommended instructions and specifications provided by the manufacturer. This Operating Document shall be made available to each amusement ride or device operator and attendant. The Operating Document shall include but not be limited to:

4.1.1 Specific amusement ride or device operation policies and procedures with pertinent information from the manufacturer's instructions, including:

4.1.1.1 Description of the amusement ride or device operation.

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org), or contact ASTM Customer Service at [service@astm.org](mailto:service@astm.org). For *Annual Book of ASTM Standards* volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

4.1.1.2 Specific duties of each assigned operator(s) and attendant(s) position(s) of the amusement ride or device.

4.1.1.3 General safety procedures.

4.1.1.4 Instructions on specific procedures to follow in the event of unusual conditions or an interruption of operation, including an Evacuation Plan outlined in 4.4.

4.1.1.5 Additional instructions from the owner/operator.

4.1.2 Specific emergency procedures in the event of an abnormal condition or an interruption of service.

4.2 The ride or device operator of each amusement ride or device shall conduct a daily pre-opening inspection of each ride or device prior to carrying passengers. This inspection shall include but not be limited to the following:

4.2.1 Visual check of all passenger-carrying devices, including restraint devices and latches.

4.2.2 Visual inspection of entrances, exits, stairways, and ramps.

4.2.3 Test of all communications equipment necessary for the operation of the ride or device.

4.2.4 Prior to carrying passengers, the ride or device shall be operated for a minimum of one complete operating cycle.

4.3 The owner/operator shall provide and document training under the supervision of a trainer for each operator and attendant of an amusement ride or device. This training shall include, but not be limited to the following:

4.3.1 Instructions on amusement ride or device operating procedures.

4.3.2 Instructions on specific duties of the assigned operator and attendant position(s) of the amusement ride or device.

4.3.3 Instructions on general safety procedures.

4.3.4 Instructions on specific procedures to follow in the event of unusual conditions or an interruption of operation.

4.3.5 Demonstration by the trainer of the operation of the amusement ride or device.

4.3.6 Demonstration by the trainee, under the supervision of the trainer, of the operation of the amusement ride or device.

4.3.7 Additional instructions or training under the supervision of a trainer deemed necessary by the owner/operator.

4.4 *Evacuation Plan*—The owner/operator shall have and maintain an evacuation plan for each amusement ride or device.

4.4.1 The owner/operator shall consider:

4.4.1.1 Standard load/unload area evacuations are the preferred method.

4.4.1.2 Amusement ride or device manufacturer's recommendations.

4.4.1.3 Conditions of the environment that could impact an evacuation.

4.4.1.4 Personnel responsible for performing an evacuation.

4.4.1.5 Notification and cooperation with the outside agencies and entities intended to participate in an evacuation.

4.4.1.6 Identification and location of equipment to support an evacuation.

4.4.1.7 Equipment that may be required to communicate with riders during an evacuation process.

4.4.1.8 Access and egress requirements for personnel and equipment to evacuate the amusement ride or device.

4.4.1.9 Actions required prior to evacuation to prevent inadvertent motion of the amusement ride or device, vehicle(s), carrier(s) and surrounding equipment in the evacuation pathway.

4.4.1.10 Order or sequence of evacuation to efficiently and safely evacuate riders.

4.4.1.11 An appropriate means of egress for evacuees.

4.4.1.12 Removal of riders unable to assist in their own evacuation due to disability, medical condition or other reasons.

4.4.1.13 Procedures for arranging medical assistance as required during an evacuation.

4.4.2 The owner/operator shall provide and document training on the evacuation plan.

4.4.3 The owner/operator shall periodically review the evacuation plan and make adjustments as needed.

4.5 The owner/operator of an amusement ride or device may deny entry to the ride or device to any person, if in the opinion of the owner/operator the entry may cause above normal exposure to risk of discomfort or injury to the person who desires to enter, or if in the opinion of the owner/operator the entry may jeopardize the safety of other patrons or employees.

4.5.1 Ride or device operators should be given guidelines on the special considerations concerning patron size, and the special considerations applicable to physically disabled and mentally impaired patrons, related to their particular ride or device.

4.6 Signs presented by the owner/operator for instruction to the public shall be prominently placed, bold in design, with wording short, simple, and to the point.

4.6.1 Signs to display operational instructions or requirements, or both, for use of the amusement ride or device may be posted at the waiting/loading area or other appropriate location and may include height requirements and other duties and obligations of the passengers such as but not limited to those listed in Section 5.

4.6.2 Entrances to machinery rooms or restricted areas, or both, should be posted when necessary to warn unauthorized persons not to enter.

## 5. Patron Responsibility

5.1 There are inherent risks in the participation in or on any amusement ride, device, or attraction. Patrons of an amusement ride, device, or attraction, by participation, accept the risks inherent in such participation of which the ordinary prudent person is or should be aware. Patrons have a duty to exercise good judgment and act in a responsible manner while using the amusement ride, device, or attraction and to obey all oral or written warnings, or both, prior to or during participation, or both.

5.2 Patrons have a duty to not participate in or on any amusement ride, device, or attraction when under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

5.3 Patrons have a duty to properly use all ride or device safety equipment provided.

## 6. Maintenance Program Requirements

6.1 Each owner/operator of an amusement ride or device shall read and become familiar with the contents of the manufacturer's maintenance instructions and specifications when received, as provided in 3.1. Based on the manufacturer's recommendations, each owner/operator shall implement a program of maintenance, testing, and inspection providing for the duties and responsibilities necessary in the care of each amusement ride or device. This program of maintenance shall include a checklist to be made available to each person performing the regularly scheduled maintenance on each ride or device. The owner/operator's checklist (on a ride-by-ride basis) shall include but not be limited to:

6.1.1 Description of preventive maintenance assignments to be performed.

6.1.2 Description of inspections to be performed.

6.1.3 Special safety instructions, where applicable.

6.1.4 Any additional recommendations of the owner/operator.

6.2 The owner/operator of the amusement ride or device shall provide training for each person performing the regularly scheduled maintenance on the ride or device, pertaining to their assigned duties. This training shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

6.2.1 Instruction on inspection and preventive maintenance procedures.

6.2.2 Instruction on the specific duties of the assigned position.

6.2.3 Instruction on general safety procedures.

6.2.4 Demonstration of the physical performance of the assigned regularly scheduled duties and inspections.

6.2.5 Supervised observation of the maintenance person's physical performance of their assigned regularly scheduled duties and inspections.

6.2.6 Additional instructions deemed necessary by the owner/operator.

6.3 Prior to carrying passengers, the owner/operator shall conduct or cause to be conducted a daily documented and signed preopening inspection, based on provided instructions,