

NOTICE

TO

AMUSEMENT RIDE CONTRACTORS And ORGANIZERS OF FAIRS, MIDWAYS, CARNIVALS, PUBLIC EVENTS

March 1, 2013

Re: Amusement Ride Certificates of Operation and Inspections

DISCUSSION

Prior to Alberta's amusement ride season 2002/03, we notified the amusement ride industry that the government had expanded the amusement ride safety programs (per applicable Alberta Regulations) to include all public events where amusement rides are made available to the general public. AEDARSA pursued further clarification of their intent in this regard with the following result:

The Regulation will apply to rides at public events, fairs, carnivals and amusement parks. This now applies to all inflated slides and all inflated (pillow bounce type) rides with a jump surface higher than 0.25m from the base that are fully or partially enclosed above the jump surface.

As a general rule, the Regulation will also apply to events at schools, or retail outlets, events organized by a club, and street events authorized by a municipality where the general public is invited to attend. The Regulation will not apply to a place or event where access is restricted to people invited by the event organizer, to members of a club, church, or similar situations.

ADVISORY TO AMUSEMENT RIDE OWNER/OPERATORS

Ride owner/operators are advised that:

- A valid certificate of operation is required to legally operate each ride at all public events as described in the "Discussion" portion of this notice, and
- To facilitate ride inspections within mandated timelines, ride itineraries forwarded in connection with applications for certificates of operation for rides must include set ups at all public events as described in the "Discussion" portion of this notice

Instructions

Ride owners who plan to operate rides at any public event described in the "Discussion" portion of this notice are requested to:

- Apply to AEDARSA for a certificate of operation for each ride they intend to operate if they haven't already done so
- Include an itinerary showing addresses, set up dates and duration of each set up for each ride for the current operating season, or
- Update their itineraries to include set ups at any public event described in the "Discussion" portion of this notice that may have been missed in the original submission

We can be contacted per the letterhead above should you require any assistance

ADVISORY TO FAIR, MIDWAY, CARNIVAL PUBLIC EVENT ORGANIZORS

In December 1999 the Amusement Ride Technical Council and Alberta Municipal Affairs developed an information bulletin to assist the owners, and organizers of fairs, exhibitions, rodeos, and major events in understanding their responsibilities, to ensure the owners of amusement rides within or under their control, meet the requirements of the Safety Codes Act. The policy reads as follows:

Policy

In accordance with Section (5) of the Safety Codes Act, an owner is to ensure that any thing, process or activity to which this Act applies is done in a safe manner.

The owner of a fair, exhibition, rodeo, and major event is expected to verify that each ride:

1. has an approved device number tag attached to the device,
2. has a Certificate Of Operation for the current year issued by a Safety Codes Officer, and
3. Does not have any outstanding directive(s) issued against it from previous inspections.

If you have any questions or need clarification on any of the above mentioned items, please contact AEDARSA at either our Edmonton or Calgary offices.



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