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DIVISION OF INDUSTRY SERVICES

Frequently Asked Questions Amusement Rides

1. What state code applies to the operation of amusement rides?

The state code which applies to all amusement rides operating within the state of Wisconsin is [SPS 334](#).

2. Do all amusement rides operating in the state have to be both registered and inspected?

All amusement rides must be registered to operate. All amusement rides operating within the state shall be subject to periodic inspection by the department.

3. Do I have to register each ride every year?

Amusement rides, including coin-operated, must be registered each year. The registration period, regardless of when the ride was registered, ends December 31st of each year.

4. I have three ponies I use to give rides to paying customers at local carnivals and fairs. Do I need to register them as amusement rides?

Yes. Live animal rides are classified in SPS 334 as Class 1 amusement rides.

5. How do I know which rides are Class 1 or Class 2 amusement rides?

[SPS 334.03](#) indicates ride classifications.

6. I operate in multiple states throughout the country and have my rides inspected in each or some of those states. Do those inspections meet the Wisconsin standards?

No. The state of Wisconsin has its own standard for amusement rides. Each ride operating within the state, regardless of prior inspections in other states, shall be made available for periodic inspection to ensure compliance with SPS 334.

7. When do I need to inform the state of Wisconsin I will be operating an amusement ride?

All amusement rides shall be registered prior to opening to the public. In accordance with SPS 334 the department has fifteen (15) days to approve or deny any request.

8. What are the registration and inspection fees for amusement rides?

[SPS 302.20](#) indicates the amusement ride fees.

9. I operate amusement rides throughout the state of Wisconsin. Is there more than one person to contact depending on where I am operating?

Yes. There are multiple department representatives throughout the state. Please refer to the [Inspector Map](#) for the contact information for the area you are operating. [Inspector Map](#)

10. Am I required to report all injuries which occur on my amusement rides?

No, however injuries which require more than first aid treatment shall be reported to the department within two (2) business days of the injury.

Fatalities must be reported to the department within twenty-four (24) hours of occurrence. Injuries and fatalities can be reported by calling (608) 266-1816 or (608) 261-2503 during normal business hours and (800) 943-0003 during non-business hours.