

Amusement Ride Program



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General Information

Amusement rides may present a significant fire and life safety hazard if not inspected, installed, and operated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, industry standards, and other mandatory regulations. To ensure the safety of these rides for all faculty, staff, students, and visitors this program has been implemented for the use of any amusement ride on the Texas A&M University Campuses.

Applicability

This procedure applies to any amusement rides, as defined below, being installed, displayed, or operated on the campus of Texas A&M university.

Definitions

- 1. Amusement Ride** – An amusement ride is any mechanical, gravity, or water device or devices that carry or convey passengers along, around, or over a fixed or restricted route or course or within a defined area for the purpose of giving its passengers amusement, pleasure, or excitement. Examples of amusement rides include:
 - 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:
 - o Go-karts
 - o Rock climbing walls
 - o Bungee jumps
 - o Zip lines
 - o Mechanical bulls
 - o Trackless trains
 - o Continuous air-flow inflatable rides/devices (bounce houses, inflatable slides), and various simulators (reference: [Texas Department of Insurance](#))
- 2. Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)** – The organization, office or individual responsible for enforcing the requirements of a code, standard, or approving equipment, materials, an installation or procedure (Specifically Texas A&M University Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) as the Local AHJ) (NFPA 1 – 3.2.2, 2021 edition)
- 3. Texas A&M University Campuses** – All facilities under the jurisdiction of Texas A&M University AHJ; These include Texas A&M University and Texas A&M University System facilities in Burleson and Brazos Counties, all Texas A&M University Health Facilities, and the Texas A&M University Higher Education Center McAllen.

Procedures

Any individual, department, organization, or other group wishing to install, display, or operate amusement rides on the Texas A&M University Campuses must:

- Comply with the requirements of this program
- Obtain approval for use of the proposed location from the appropriate entity (Facilities Management, Transportation Service, Athletics, etc.)
- Submit a permit application and all required documentation to EHS for review
- Cease operation for non-compliance with the program

Responsibilities:

Environmental Health and Safety

- Maintain a written amusement ride program
- Process any information request or permit applications
- Verify site approval has been requested and approved by the appropriate venue or parking manager
- Submit certificates of insurance to the department of Risk, Ethics and Compliance (Insurance Services) for review
- Conduct site visit and inspections of any amusement ride being installed, displayed, or operated on the Texas A&M University Campus
- Review operations, documentation, and any training associated with the program as needed
- If approved, issue permit for display on site

Sponsoring Department or Organization

- Ensure that the requirements of this program are relayed to the owner/provider/operator of any amusement ride that will be installed, displayed, or operated on the Texas A&M University Campuses
- Assist in the coordination, as necessary, to ensure compliance with this program
- Obtain approval for using the location in which the amusement ride is to be installed, displayed, or operated
- Apply for a Texas A&M University Amusement Ride Permit
 - Required Documents (Submitted to EHS for review a minimum of ten (10) business days prior to the planned use of any amusement ride)
 - Texas A&M University Amusement Ride Application
 - A copy of the amusement ride compliance sticker
 - A copy of certificate(s) of insurance

Amusement Ride Owner/Operator

- Maintain current ride compliance stickers as issued by the [Texas Department of Insurance](#) for any amusement rides that will be installed, displayed, or operated on the Texas A&M University Campuses
- Maintain and provide documentation of required minimum insurance coverage in accordance with the [Texas Department of Insurance](#)
- Possess the original or copy of the amusement ride compliance sticker on site in accordance with the [Texas Department of Insurance](#)

Department of Risk, Ethics and Compliance (Insurance Services)

- Review and coordinate with EHS for approval of all certificate(s) of insurance for compliance with minimum requirements of Texas A&M University and the [Texas Department of Insurance](#)

References

[Texas Department of Insurance Website](#)