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December 19, 2022

TO: County Sheriffs and Fire Departments

SUBJECT: Temporary Amusement Rides

As the 2023 amusement ride season starts, we again request your support and help with the enforcement of California laws pertaining to temporary amusement ride safety. We thank you for your time and cooperation given to us in the past. Your help is invaluable.

The Division may be reached at (916) 263-3511 during normal business hours; and also for emergencies during non-business hours.

Please forward copies of this correspondence to the appropriate offices in your county which have jurisdiction over rides in their area.

If you have any questions, please contact my office in Sacramento at the above address or telephone number listed on the letterhead.

Additional information can be found at: www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/ARoffices.htm

The Temporary Amusement Ride Letters sent to each Owner/Operator are enclosed.
(TAR letters 23-1 through 23-5)

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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Operation of a Temporary Amusement Ride (TAR 23-2)

LABOR CODE 7906 STATES:

No person shall operate a temporary amusement ride without a permit issued by the Division or a public entity. On or before March 1st of each year, an operator shall apply for a permit to the Division or a public entity on a form furnished by the Division ten days prior to the date of operation.

Application packets can be obtained from our website, or by contacting our office. **Note: If you are operating rides prior to March 1, 2023, your application must be submitted at least ten days prior to the date of operation.**

Once the Division receives your application, you must contact the Division to schedule inspections. The ability to operate on last year's annual permit is only applicable if the Division is unable to schedule an inspection of your rides and is based solely on the Division's availability. It is your responsibility to contact the Division to schedule your inspections.

8 CCR 3915 (b) No person shall operate an amusement ride unless a current permit to operate has been issued by the Division or a public entity as prescribed in Division 5 of the California Labor Code, Part 8. However, an amusement ride inspected and covered by a valid permit to operate in the preceding year may continue to operate until further inspected, providing the owner/operator of the ride has made written application to the Division for an inspection at least ten days prior to its operation indicating where such ride will be available for inspection and the application remains unacted upon.

Note: Canceling an inspection does not allow for a ride to operate on an expired permit.

New amusement rides must be inspected and receive a permit to operate before they are put into operation. Please have trained staff available to demonstrate proficiency in all maintenance, operational duties and procedures during the Division's inspection.

If the Division identifies non-critical violations, a temporary permit may be issued along with a specified compliance date. Ride owner/operators are responsible for scheduling inspections to clear requirements and obtain an annual permit to operate. Payments for all inspection fees are due at the time of the inspection.

All annual replacement items, required testing, or other permits (non-destructive test, air tank permit, etc.) are due at the time of the inspection. The inspector will not issue an operating permit until the violation is corrected, and the inspector can verify completion through inspection.

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TO: Temporary Amusement Ride Owners/Operators

SUBJECT: Ride Application / New Ride Information / Air Tank Permits (TAR 23-1)

California Labor Code Section 7906 requires each Owner/Operator of a temporary amusement ride to submit a complete application to the Division no later than **10** days prior to commencing operation of a ride for that year. This is your notice to the Division that your rides are available and ready to inspect.

The application must include the attached forms S-692 along with a complete insurance policy. These forms are also available from our website located at www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/ARoffices.htm or by contacting the Sacramento Amusement Ride office. The Division will not accept incomplete or illegible applications.

Each application must include a route list (itinerary) for **each ride** for the permit year. Your itinerary must include an accurate list of rides, the name of each city, street location, and dates of operation of the ride at each location. You may revise your itinerary at any time, but you may not operate a ride at a particular location unless the Division receives an itinerary that meets the requirements stated above prior to commencing operation at that location. If the Division determines that your itinerary is inaccurate, or if the Division finds that you are operating without submitting an itinerary for the location, you may be billed at the hourly inspection rate for the time spent obtaining the correct itinerary information. Please submit itineraries via email to: tar@dir.ca.gov.

If your application meets the requirements stated above, the Division will issue a receipt of application letter that includes the rides appearing on the application. The Division suggests you keep a copy of this receipt in your field offices as municipalities or insurance inspectors may require this information.

New Rides to California

All temporary amusement rides new to California must have the required engineering calculations certified by a California Licensed Engineer. Even if another Owner/Operator has submitted a stress analysis for your ride, certification by a California Licensed Engineer may still be required. Review of engineering documentation will be billed at the hourly inspection rate consistent with California Code of Regulations section 344.18.

Air Tanks – Pressure Vessel

Where an air tank is required to have a permit, the permit or a clear reproduced copy must be posted in a protective container in a conspicuous place on or near the tank as per Labor Code Section 7684. If a permit is required, your air tank must have a current permit in order to receive an operating permit for the ride. If you need an air tank inspection, you may contact the Pressure Vessel Unit by telephone. It is also possible to fax an inspection request form to either office. You may download the inspection request form on the Pressure Vessel Unit website: www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/pressure.html

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