

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

Department of Administration  
DIVISION OF CAPITAL PROJECTS AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT  
BUILDING CODE COMMISSION

Amusement Ride Safety Program

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**TO: ALL AMUSEMENT DEVICE OWNERS/OPERATORS**

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please take note of the following:

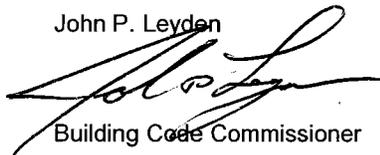
1. The Rhode Island Amusement Ride Safety Act (hereinafter referred to as "the ACT") requires that before an owner/Operator sets up any new (unregistered) Amusement device that meets the Act's definition of either An Amusement Ride or an Amusement Attraction within the state boundaries, he/she must submit to the state all necessary documentation (including but not limited to an Annual Inspection Affidavit, NDT, if applicable, the device's Manual, and all relevant Supplemental Bulletins). Along with the aforementioned documents, the Owner/Operator must submit an application to register the said device in the state, and enclose a check for the Registration fee.
2. The state will not inspect any device that is explicitly indicated in the Act as being "Non-Jurisdictional", such as an Air Supported Structure (alternately referred to as an "Inflatable device", "Bounce", or "Moon-walk"), as well as Hey Rides, and all other rides explicitly excluded from state oversight jurisdiction. Please see the Act to identify non-jurisdictional devices.

Nonetheless, the state would provide information on required periodic maintenance, inspections, and operation procedures, to whomever calls the Amusement Ride Safety Program asking for such information.

3. In the case of amusement devices that do not clearly fall in one of the above two categories (i.e. which do not appear to meet the definition of an amusement ride or an amusement attraction, but is not explicitly indicated by the act to be "Non-Jurisdictional"), an Owner must apply to the state to make a determination on the device status under the Act in advance of any event in which he/she is planning to set-up the device. Attached with the notification, the owner must submit the device manual and any supplemental bulletins, as well as all other relevant documents issued therefor.
4. The Owner/Operator must keep in mind that he may not operate any device for which he requested a determination of status under the ACT in RI until he receives such a determination. Therefore to guarantee that he will receive the determination in time to operate in the targeted event, the Owner must submit the application to determine a device status under the Act as early as possible before the date of the event in which he/she plans to operate the device.
5. In the near future a special form for applying to get a determination of the status of an amusement device under the RI Amusement Ride Safety Act will be posted on the amusement page of the RI Building Commission website: [www.ribcc.ri.gov/amusement](http://www.ribcc.ri.gov/amusement). Until such time, applications for status determination under the Act may be submitted via a cover letter, with the above mentioned documents attached thereto.

Thank you very much for your support of the Rhode Island Amusement Ride Safety Program,

John P. Leyden



Building Code Commissioner