Amusement Rides

General Amusement Ride Safety Tips

- Read all posted rules and listen to instructions given by ride’s operator.
- Make sure your children understand the importance of the instructions.
- Keep all body parts (hands, arms, legs, long hair, etc.) inside the ride at all times. If you have long hair, keep it pulled back with a hat or hair band.
- Always use the safety equipment provided (seat belt, shoulder harness, lap bar, etc.).
- Remain in the ride until it comes to a complete stop at the unloading point. If a ride stops temporarily due to mechanical failure or other reasons, stay seated and wait for an operator to give you further instructions.
- Don’t board a ride if you see broken parts, signs of improper maintenance, or an inattentive operator.
- If you are a person of extreme size (height or weight), you should pay close attention to all posted signs. If you have difficulty sitting in any seat properly, then do not ride that ride.
- Know your physical conditions and limitations. If you suspect that your health could be at risk for any reason, or you could aggravate a pre-existing condition of any kind, DO NOT RIDE!
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Child Safety Tips

- Do not put a child on a ride that they may be afraid of. Tell them to follow instructions and stay seated throughout the ride.
- Watch the ride with your child before boarding. Point out the operator and the entrance/exit locations prior to riding. Make sure they understand the instructions and warnings fully.
- Tell children to hold on tightly with both hands to lap bars, handholds, or any other item designed specifically for hand placement. Explain this reduces the risk of injury.
- Obey minimum height, age, and weight restrictions. Never sneak children onto rides that they are too small or too young for. A smaller/younger child may not be physically or developmentally able to stay safely seated.
- If you can't count on your child to stay seated with hands and feet inside, don't let them ride. Load children to the inside, away from open doorways, or on the side closest to the ride operator (some rides have very specific requirements).
- Explain that rides sometimes stop temporarily, but to not get off until the operator says to. Tell your children to not exit the ride while it's still in motion.

Persons with Disabilities

- Amusement facilities are making strides in addressing the needs of riders with disabilities, but it's not always possible to include everybody and also keep the general public safe. The forces exerted by some amusement rides and/or devices can be dangerous to a rider who cannot maintain the posture required for that ride.
- Upon entering an amusement facility, a guest with a disability should visit an information desk and request any information regarding access to the rides.

For more information on safety, visit the IDHS website: www.in.govdhs

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