

CARNIVAL-AMUSEMENT SAFETY ACT OF 1966 (EXCERPT)
Act 225 of 1966

408.668 Required conduct of rider; requirements.

Sec. 18.

(1) A rider of a carnival or amusement ride shall, at a minimum, do all of the following:

(a) Obey the reasonable safety rules posted in accordance with this act and oral instructions for the carnival or amusement ride given by the operator or an employee or agent of the operator, unless the safety rules or oral instructions are contrary to the safety rules provided in this act.

(b) Refrain from acting in any manner that may cause or contribute to the injury of the rider or others, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

(i) Exceeding the limits of his or her ability.

(ii) Interfering with safety devices that are provided.

(iii) Failing to engage safety devices that are provided.

(iv) Disconnecting or disabling a safety device except at the express instruction of the operator or an employee or agent of the operator.

(v) Altering the intended speed, course, or direction of the carnival or amusement ride.

(vi) Using the controls of a carnival or amusement ride designed solely to be operated by the operator or an employee or agent of the operator.

(vii) Extending arms and legs beyond the carrier or seating area except at the express direction of the operator or an employee or agent of the operator.

(viii) Throwing, dropping, or expelling an object from or toward a carnival or amusement ride except as permitted by the operator or an employee or agent of the operator.

(ix) Getting on or off a carnival or amusement ride except at the designated time and area, unless directed by the operator or an employee or agent of the operator or in an emergency.

(x) On a carnival or amusement ride that requires the rider to control or direct his or her body or the carnival or amusement ride, not reasonably controlling the speed or direction of the carnival or amusement ride or his or her body.

(xi) Intentionally dropping, throwing, or expelling an object from a carnival or amusement ride while riding on the carnival or amusement ride.

(xii) Doing any act that interferes with the running or operation of a carnival or amusement ride, including, but not limited to, swinging or bouncing on an aerial carnival or amusement ride or attempting to contact supporting towers, machinery, guides, or guards while riding on a carnival or amusement ride.

(2) A rider of a carnival or amusement ride shall not get on or attempt to get on a carnival or amusement ride unless the rider or the rider's parent or guardian reasonably determines that, at a minimum, the rider meets all of the following requirements:

(a) He or she has sufficient knowledge to get on, use, and get off the carnival or amusement ride safely without instruction or has requested and received sufficient information to get on, use, and get off the carnival or amusement ride safely prior to getting on the carnival or amusement ride.

(b) He or she is aware of, has read, and understands any signs in the vicinity of the carnival or amusement ride and meets any posted height, medical, or other requirements.

(c) He or she knows the range and limits of his or her ability and knows the requirements of the carnival or amusement ride will not exceed those limits.

(d) He or she is not under the influence of alcohol or any drug that affects his or her ability to safely use the carnival or amusement ride or obey the posted rules or oral instructions.

(e) He or she is authorized by the operator or by an employee or agent of the operator to get on the carnival or amusement ride.

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