

U.S. Federal and State Amusement Ride Regulation

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| Jurisdiction | Agency | | Regulation Type |
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| United States | Consumer Product Safety Commission | Portable rides only | Government regulates safety of portable rides; fixed-site rides are exempt |
| Alabama | None | | No state ride safety law |
| Alaska | Dept. of Labor | | Government officials inspect rides and investigate accidents |
| Arizona | None | | No state government safety oversight, but rides must carry insurance |
| Arkansas | Dept. of Labor | | Government officials inspect rides and investigate accidents |
| California | Division of Occupational Safety and Health | | Government officials inspect rides and investigate accidents |
| Colorado | Division of Oil and Public Safety | | No state government safety oversight, but rides must carry insurance |
| Connecticut | Dept. of Consumer Protection | | Government officials inspect rides and investigate accidents |
| Delaware | Office of State Fire Marshall | | No state government safety oversight, but rides must carry insurance |

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| Florida | Dept. of Agriculture | Carnivals and small parks only | Government regulates rides at carnivals and smaller parks; rides at large theme parks are exempt |
| Georgia | Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner | | Government officials inspect rides and investigate accidents |
| Hawaii | Dept. of Labor and Industrial Relations | | Government officials inspect rides and investigate accidents |
| Idaho | Division of Building Safety | | Electrical inspections only |
| Illinois | Department of Labor | | Government officials inspect rides and investigate accidents |
| Illinois | Department of Public Health | Waterslides only | Government officials inspect rides and investigate accidents |
| Indiana | Department of Homeland Security | | Government officials inspect rides, but not authorized to investigate accidents |
| Iowa | Workforce Development | | Government officials inspect rides and investigate accidents |
| Iowa | Department of Public Health | Waterslides only | Government officials inspect rides and investigate accidents |
| Kansas | Department of Labor | | State regulations cede most regulatory functions to industry |
| Kentucky | Department of Agriculture | | Government officials inspect rides and investigate accidents |
| Louisiana | State Fire Marshal Office | | Government officials inspect rides and investigate accidents |
| Maine | Department of Public Safety | | Government officials inspect rides and investigate accidents |

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| Maryland | Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation | | Government officials inspect rides and investigate accidents |
| Massachusetts | Dept. of Public Safety | | Government officials inspect rides and investigate accidents |
| Michigan | Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs | | Government officials inspect rides and investigate accidents |
| Minnesota | Dept. of Labor and Industry | | State regulations cede most regulatory functions to industry |
| Mississippi | None | | No state ride safety law |
| Missouri | Division of Fire Safety | | Government officials investigate accidents, but do not inspect rides |
| Montana | None | | No state ride safety law |
| Nebraska | Department of Labor, Office of Safety | | Government officials inspect rides and investigate accidents |
| Nevada | None | Rider responsibility law only | No state ride safety law |
| New Hampshire | Dept. of Safety | | Government officials inspect rides and investigate accidents |
| New Jersey | Dept. of Community Affairs | | Government officials inspect rides and investigate accidents |
| New Mexico | Regulation and Licensing Dept. | | No state government safety oversight, but rides must carry insurance |
| New York | Dept. of Labor | Excludes NY City | Government officials inspect rides and investigate accidents |

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| North Carolina | Dept. of Labor | | Government officials inspect rides and investigate accidents |
| North Dakota | None | | No state government safety oversight, but rides must carry insurance |
| Ohio | Dept. of Agriculture | | Government officials inspect rides and investigate accidents |
| Oklahoma | Dept. of Labor | | Government officials inspect rides and investigate accidents |
| Oregon | Building Codes | | No state government safety oversight, but rides must carry insurance |
| Pennsylvania | Dept. of Agriculture | | Government officials audit/spot check private-sector inspectors |
| Rhode Island | Building Commission | | Government officials inspect rides and investigate accidents |
| South Carolina | Dept. of Labor, Licensing and Regulation | | State regulations cede most regulatory functions to industry |
| South Dakota | None | | No state government safety oversight, but rides must carry insurance |
| Tennessee | Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development | | State regulations cede most regulatory functions to industry |
| Texas | Dept. of Insurance | | No state government safety oversight, but rides must carry insurance |
| Utah | None | Rider responsibility law only | No state ride safety law |

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| Vermont | Secretary of State, Corporations Division | | No state government safety oversight, but rides must carry insurance |
| Virginia | County Governments (state law requires county permits) | | Government officials inspect rides; ride owners investigate their own accidents |
| Washington | Dept. of Labor and Industries | | Government officials inspect rides, but not authorized to investigate accidents |
| Washington | Department of Health | Waterslides only | Government officials inspect rides, but not authorized to investigate accidents |
| West Virginia | Division of Labor, Safety Section | | Government officials investigate accidents, but do not inspect rides |
| Wisconsin | Dept. of Commerce, Safety and Building Division | | Government officials inspect rides and investigate accidents |
| Wyoming | None | | No state government safety oversight, but rides must carry insurance |