

# RideSmart

## Amusement Ride Safety

### General Safety

Ontario has some of the toughest safety standards for rides in North America. Serious incidents as a result of mechanical problems are extremely rare. Over 300 million people visit amusement parks every year and take approximately one billion rides. North American ride injury statistics show that the likelihood of being injured seriously enough to require hospitalization is one in 25 million. The chance of being fatally injured is one in 450 million.

Riders also have a responsibility to ensure their own safety. Following the rules and common sense offer the best protection.

### Parental Precautions

Parents should take an active role in determining whether a ride is appropriate for their children.

Never force a child to get on a ride.

Never attempt to make physical contact with your child while they are riding. You and your child may be seriously injured.

Read the rules for each ride carefully and follow the instructions given by the operator.

### Safety Precautions for Riders

- Observe age, height and weight restrictions. Height restrictions, for example, may be necessary for some rides because safety restraints on these rides are not adequate for children of a certain height.
- Keep your hands, arms, legs, long hair, etc. inside the ride at all times.
- Always use safety equipment provided (e.g., seat belt, shoulder harness, lap bar, chain, etc.) and never release the equipment at any time during the ride.
- Remain in the ride until it comes to a complete stop.
- If you feel unsafe when you are on the ride, get the operator's attention so the ride can be stopped. Never stand up as this could create a dangerous situation for you and others.

Additional information available from Technical Standards and Safety Authority ([www.tssa.org](http://www.tssa.org))