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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Best Practices for the Amusement Ride Industry is intended to promote safety in the workplace, ensuring the safety of employees and the riding public through compliance with Best Practices and applicable legislation. Industry members in partnership with the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) have developed the Best Practices. Experts in the related fields made contributions to Best Practices, with clarification on legislative requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) by the Ministry of Labour. Not unlike other industries, various laws, chiefly those pertaining to technical standards, occupational health and safety and labour standards, govern the Amusement Ride Industry.

As a document that supports workplace and public safety, Best Practices for the Amusement Ride Industry is for implementation by owners and operators of amusement rides and devices used for entertaining the public. As the Best Practices are applied, an opportunity for learning and improvement on the Best Practices will come naturally. It will also demonstrate to Regulators that the Amusement Ride Industry is leading by example and assuming ownership for safety in the workplace and of the public. The Best Practices for the Amusement Ride Industry provides general assistance where potential hazards are encountered in the workplace. It is not intended to be an all-inclusive list of hazards and controls and the OHSA and Regulations should be consulted for the proper application of the law. Inspectors appointed under the OHSA have the discretion to enforce the OHSA and may refer to the Best Practices Document for assistance.

## 2. BACKGROUND

The Best Practices for the Amusement Ride Industry was developed by a Risk Reduction Group (RRG) as a result of a request generated by the Amusement Devices Advisory Council to TSSA. Membership on the RRG represented all sectors of the amusement ride industry and included a consultant in the field of occupational health and safety. Risk management advisors from TSSA played an active role in providing guidance during the development process and the Ministry of Labour explained OHSA requirements. The Best Practices for the Amusement Ride Industry has been endorsed by the Amusement Devices Advisory Council and has been provided to the Ministry of Labour for information as an industry-developed Best Practices Document, not to be confused with a Code of Practice under the OHSA. It is the intent to receive comment and recommendations where the document may be improved on with regard to content and practice. Anyone wishing to do so may submit via e-mail to Marc Tevyaw at [mtevyaw@tssa.org](mailto:mtevyaw@tssa.org) by October 31, 2004. Submissions will be considered by the RRG for inclusion in the Best Practices Document.

## 3. RECOMMENDATIONS

In order for the Best Practices for the Amusement Ride Industry to have an impact on safety in the workplace and for the public, adoption of the Best Practices needs to be uniform and across the industry. Implementation of the practices developed by the RRG will have an effect on the number of instances where safety of workers and members of the public could be compromised.

It is recommended by the membership of the RRG that all amusement device licensees obtain a copy of the Best Practices for the Amusement Ride Industry available on the TSSA website at [www.tssa.org](http://www.tssa.org) or by contacting TSSA. Hard copies may be requested for individuals not having access to the TSSA website by phone at 416-734-3327.

#### 4. NOTES

The Best Practices and procedures identified in Best Practices for the Amusement Ride Industry document may be based upon experiences of field personnel, research conducted by safety specialists, or upon applicable legislation. The practices and procedures developed are intended to serve as precautions to reduce hazards, prevent incidents and avoid injuries. They are also the recommended methods by which to carry out and complete a job safely.

The Best Practice is designed to be a resource of safety information that amusement industry employers / employees can use to help prevent incidents and injuries.

All amusement ride industry employees are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the contents of Best Practices. The safety procedures apply to persons setting up, taking down or operating rides; as well as all employees involved in the business of operating rides for the entertainment of the public.

The Best Practices Document incorporates Health and Safety Checklists for the employer and employee, operational and occupational job hazard analyses, best practices for set up and take down and other material suitable for training of staff involved with amusement rides and devices.

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