



BUILDING AN INFORMED COALITION OF SHENANDOAH COUNTY CONSTRUCTION PROFESSIONALS

Amusement Rides and Safety



Questions are constantly asked in regards to how safe are amusement rides. All rides are regulated by the Virginia Amusement Device Regulations. All inspectors of amusement devices operated in Virginia must be trained through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development's training academy then pass a nationally recognized test. Some inspectors are employed by the locality in which the amusement device is located and others are third party inspector's who have

completed the proper training to perform such inspections. The frequency of inspection depends on the device. Some are inspected every time they are moved and others may only be inspected annually. The state regulations identify the frequency of inspection. Statically the inflatable type of amusement device has proven to be the most dangerous. Improper use and installation being the most cause of injuries with these amusement devices. Always look for a current inspection sticker on the ride or ask the ride owner when it was last inspected. Know your child's ability to remain calm and follow directions. Trust your instincts.

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Building Department Mission

The mission of the Building Department is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public by assuring that all buildings, structures and related equipment are constructed, installed and maintained in compliance with the standards contained within the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code.

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NAARSO

The National Association of Amusement Ride Safety Officials or NAARSO is a non-profit organization that provides resources for amusement industry professionals dedicated to the safety of the industry. They provide educational and resources to safety professionals and administers a certification program for amusement device inspectors. Recently NAARSO has begun to offer a certification program for ride operators. NAARSO provides the oversight for nationally recognized testing and certification of amusement device inspectors.

US Consumer Product Safety Commission

CPSC is charged with protecting the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death associated with the use of the thousands of types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. Deaths, injuries, and property damage from consumer product incidents cost the nation more than \$1 trillion annually. CPSC is committed to protecting consumers and families from products that pose a fire, electrical, chemical, or mechanical hazard. CPSC's work to ensure the safety of consumer products - such as toys, cribs, power tools, cigarette lighters, inflatable's, and household chemicals - contributed to a decline in the rate of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products over the past 40 years. You can access their website at the following link: www.cpsc.gov

Free Code Access

Have you ever wondered what exactly is written in the code books? Now you can view free of charge all of the building codes enforced by the Commonwealth of Virginia by going to the following website:

<http://codes.iccsafe.org/#virginia> or find the link on the Shenandoah County Building Inspections website.



SCCC Membership

Membership in the Shenandoah County Construction Coalition is free. By becoming a member you will be networking with other members of your community that work in the same field as you. Membership allows us a contact list to send information to regarding upcoming events. If you would like to be added to the membership send your information to mryman@shenandoahcountyva.us or call us at 540-459-6185.

Did you know...

That the building code is changed and reproduced every three years?

That almost every US community and the District of Columbia has adopted the International Code Council family of codes?

That the Commonwealth of Virginia has had the most amount of code professionals be in leadership positions with the International Code Council?