



**Amusement Device Unit
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**Amusement Device Notice August 4, 2016
Tennessee Requirements for the Amusement Device Industry &
Public Chapter 815**

The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development educates the general public about hazards associated with the inherent operation of amusement devices. The department also enforces the Amusement Device Law. Due to fact that there have been four (4) reported amusement device accidents in Tennessee since July 1, 2016, the department would like to provide amusement device owners and operators additional information and accident reporting guidelines in order to prevent future accidents.

Companies can assist the department by immediately updating company forms to reflect changes in the law, ensuring proper signage and the annual amusement device permit is properly posted on the premises, explaining riders/guest responsibility, properly training employees/staff, and following the accident reporting requirements. Please refer to Public Chapter 815 or <http://www.tn.gov/workforce/topic/amusement-device-unit>.

Tennessee requires companies to hire qualified third party inspectors to perform inspections as Tennessee does not have state amusement device inspectors. Inspection reports from qualified third party inspectors are required and inspectors must be certified by one of three (3) approved certifying agencies: (1) the National Association of Amusement Ride Safety Officials (NAARSO), (2) the Amusement Industry Manufacturing and Suppliers (AIMS), and (3) the Association for Challenged Course Technology (ACCT). There is only one approved standard in Tennessee and all qualified third party inspectors are required to apply the latest version of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standard to Tennessee inspection. For additional information about the state's requirements, see <http://www.tn.gov/workforce/article/amusement-device-compliance> on our website.

Owners and operators are reminded to immediately report serious physical injuries, serious incidents and fatalities to the Amusement Device Unit and to follow the state's accident reporting requirements located at <https://www.tn.gov/workforce/article/amusement-device-accident-report-form>. When there is a serious physical injury, serious incident or fatality, owners and operators are reminded to obtain a qualified inspector within twenty-four (24) hours of the accident and to submit a post-accident report to the department as soon as reasonably possible.

The department's goal is not to delay business operations but to verify that amusement devices are safe and operable and to protect Tennessee citizens and visitors from harm. Thank you for your cooperation.