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Division of Occupational Safety and Health
Amusement Ride and Tramway Unit
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To: Owners and Operators of Permanent Amusement Rides

RE: Insurance Requirements for [Permanent Amusement Rides](#)

A compliant, current, and valid insurance policy, bond, or proof of self-insurance in accordance with California Labor Code Sections 7920-7932 and California Code of Regulations, Title 8 Section 344.14 for the rides at your location(s) must be submitted to the Division of Occupational Safety and Health's Amusement Ride and Tramway Unit.

The operation of permanent amusement rides without submission of a compliant, current, and valid insurance policy, bond, or attestation of self-insurance to the Division is prohibited and may result in issuance of citations with monetary penalties.

[§ 344.14. Insurance Requirements.](#)

A person or entity may operate a permanent amusement ride only if, at the time of operation, he, she, or it:

- (a) Has obtained a valid insurance policy in an amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence, and;
 - (1) Has submitted to the Division a copy of the policy;
 - (2) Has clearly identified in the policy the permanent amusement rides included and excluded; and
 - (3) Does not operate permanent amusement rides for which coverage is not provided; or
- (b) Has obtained a bond in an amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000), except that the aggregate liability of the surety under that bond shall not exceed the face amount of the bond. A copy of the bond shall be submitted to the Division; or
- (c) Qualifies as self-insured. Qualification as self-insured shall be demonstrated by providing a letter to the Division attesting that the owner has total assets of at least ten million dollars (\$10,000,000), and that the owner's total assets exceed the owner's total liabilities by either a minimum of two million dollars or a ratio of at least ten to one. All statements in the attestation letter to the Division shall be made under penalty of perjury.

Exception: State and local governmental entities shall be deemed to qualify as self-insured.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 60.5, 7923 and 7928, Labor Code. Reference: Sections 7920-7932, Labor Code.

Please be advised that Insurance Certificates, Certificates of Insurance, Evidence of Insurance, etc., are not policies and will not be accepted in lieu of a policy that meets all requirements enumerated in Title 8, Section 344.14.

As expiration dates for policies, bonds, or self-insurance attestations approach, new submissions that meet the requirements of Title 8, Section 344.14 must be submitted promptly.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the ART Unit office in Sacramento or Santa Ana to which your facility is assigned.

Thank you for your cooperation,

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