

**WAC 296-403A-100 Definitions.** Definitions as found in ASTM F 747-97 Standard Terminology Related to Amusement Rides and Devices are adopted in addition to the following:

(1) **"Air supported"** structure or device means an amusement device that incorporates a structural and mechanical system and employs a high-strength fabric or film that achieves its strength, shape and stability by pretensioning with internal air pressure (inflation).

(2) **"Amusement ride"** means any vehicle, boat, or other mechanical or air supported device moving upon or within a structure, along cables or rails, through the air by centrifugal force or otherwise, or across water, that is used to convey one or more individuals for amusement, entertainment, diversion, or recreation. For purposes of this chapter, "boats" does not refer to personal watercraft or vessels operated on the waters of this state according to chapter 79A.60 RCW. Examples of an amusement ride include, but are not limited to, devices commonly known as skyrides, ferris wheels, carousels, parachute towers, tunnels of love, roller coasters, mechanical bulls, gyrotron, space balls, bungee operated, simulators and similar devices.

Conveyances for persons in recreational winter sports activities such as: Ski lifts, ski tows, j-bars, t-bars, and similar devices subject to regulation under chapter 70.88 RCW are not amusement rides. Any single-passenger coin-operated ride that is manually, mechanically, or electrically operated and customarily placed in a public location that does not normally require the supervision or services of an operator is not an amusement ride. Nonmechanized playground equipment including, but not limited to, swings, seesaws, stationary spring-mounted animal features, rider-propelled merry-go-rounds, climbers, slides, trampolines, and physical fitness devices are not amusement rides. Permanent water slides are not amusement rides. Animal rides such as: Pony rides, riding stables, hay rides and elephant rides are not amusement rides.

(a) **"Portable amusement ride"** means an amusement ride which is relocated at least once per year with or without disassembly.

(b) **"Permanent amusement ride"** means an amusement ride which is erected to remain a lasting part of the premises.

(3) **"Amusement structure"** means any electrical, mechanical, non-mechanical, or air-supported device or any combinations thereof operated for revenue and to provide amusement or entertainment to viewers or audiences at carnivals, fairs, or amusement parks. A game or concession where a member of the public performs an act or makes a purchase is not an amusement structure. Examples of an amusement structure include, but are not limited to, structures commonly known as permanent steel or wooden roller coasters, a permanent dark ride or fun house, a permanent drop tower, or a permanent building enclosing a portable amusement device.

(4) **"ASTM"** means the American Society for Testing and Materials (F-24 committee) as it relates to amusement rides and devices. Copies of the ASTM are available from ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania 19428-2959.

(5) **"Authority having jurisdiction"** means the department.

(6) **"Carnival"** means a mobile enterprise principally devoted to offering amusement or entertainment to patrons in, upon, or by means of portable amusement rides or structures.

(7) **"Certificate of inspection"** means a document given under oath or affirmation from an insurer or a person with whom the insurer has contracted to make a safety inspection of the amusement ride or structure. The certificate must contain: The name, address and signature of

the inspector, the complete description of the amusement ride or structure and the name and address of the owner or operator.

(8) "**Certificate of insurance**" means a document certifying that the insurance required by chapter 67.42 RCW is in effect. Copies of this document/form are available from the department upon request.

(9) "**Department**" means the department of labor and industries.

(10) "**Insurance policy**" means an insurance policy written by an insurer authorized to do business in this state under Title 48 RCW.

(11) "**Major modification**" means any change to the original configuration or layout of components or replacement of components that are not like-for-like.

(12) "**NEC**" means the 2002 edition of the National Electrical Code (NFPA 70-2002) including Annex A, B, and C, but excluding Article 80. Copies of the NEC, NFPA 70-2002 are available from the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association), 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169-7471.

(13) "**Operating permit**" means a permit that is issued by the department.

(14) "**Operating permit decal**" is a decal issued by the department that must be affixed on or adjacent to the control panel of the amusement ride or structure in a location visible to the patrons of the ride or structure.

(15) "**RCW**" means the *Revised Code of Washington*. Copies of RCWs are available from the office of the code reviser.

(16) "**Safety inspection**" means a procedure to be conducted by a safety inspector to determine whether an amusement ride or device is assembled, maintained, tested, operated, and inspected in accordance with the current ASTM standards, the manufacturer's or insurer's standards, and this chapter, whichever is the most stringent, and that determines the current operational safety of the ride or device.

(17) "**Safety inspector**" and "**amusement ride inspector**" both mean a third-party inspector authorized by the department to conduct safety inspections of amusement rides or devices in compliance with this chapter. The inspector must be an independent, third party with no organizational, managerial, financial, design, or promotional affiliation with the amusement ride or amusement structure being inspected. The inspector must not be a principal, owner, or employee of any amusement company or manufacturer doing business in the state of Washington, unless authorized by the department to conduct specific inspections on a case-by-case basis.

Inspectors who have installed, modified or repaired an amusement ride or structure may not perform the initial inspection on the equipment they have installed, modified, or repaired. The inspector must have an adequate diversity of clients or activity so that the loss or award of a specific contract regarding amusement ride or amusement structure safety certification would not be a deciding factor in the financial well being of the inspector.

(18) "**WAC**" means the *Washington Administrative Code*. Copies of WACs are available from the department and the office of the code reviser.

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