



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS **OFFICE OF STATE AND LOCAL CODE INSPECTIONS**

Carnival & Amusement Ride Safety Newsletter – Fall 2018

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What's New:

- Reorganization of the Ride Safety Unit
- Incident/ Mechanical Breakdown Form
- Requesting Annual Inspections online

Some Key Points:

- Problems with information provided on incident reports
- Hotline Calls



It's that time of year again to start preparing for the upcoming 2019 Amusement Ride Season. Over the past year, there have been some changes to the Carnival Amusement Ride Program that the Amusement Ride Industry should be aware of.

WHAT'S NEW!

On November 1, 2017, the Bureau of Code Services was disbanded and the Office of State and Local Code Inspections was created. Paul Lamberti has assumed the role of Supervisor of Enforcement for the Office of State and Local Code Inspections. This office encompasses the regulation and enforcement of the Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23-12 for Elevator Safety and N.J.A.C. 5:14A for Amusement Ride Safety. Mr. Lamberti oversees the inspections of Amusement Rides and the State Amusement Ride Inspectors.

Michael Triplett has retained the supervision of Plan Review for Amusement Rides and oversees the Amusement Ride Engineering Staff. Mr. Triplett's staff enforces the permitting process. His staff reviews all documents submitted along with the permit application and processes permits after the approval of all documents.

These offices may be reached by phone at 609-292-2097. For the Amusement Ride Engineering/Plan Review staff, press 1. For the Amusement Ride Inspection staff, press 2. These offices may also be reached by email at Rides@dca.nj.gov.

Incident/Mechanical Breakdown Form:

A new Incident/Mechanical Breakdown form is now online at: <https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/codes/offices/rides.html>. This form has been revised for efficiency in reporting any incidents or mechanical breakdowns. It will assist the inspectors by

providing the necessary information for any investigative or follow up inspections required to ensure public safety.

Online Inspection Request Form:

A new form for Requesting your Amusement Ride Inspections can also be found at: <https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/codes/offices/rides.html>. This is to provide better service to amusement ride owners and operators who are ready for their ride inspections.

This form may be completed to request one of the following inspections by selecting the appropriate choice in the dropdown box:

- Annual
- Acceptance
- Violation Compliance
- Reassembly

The following information is required in order to submit an inspection request:

- NJ Owner/Operator Number
- Ride NJ Serial Number
- Ride Name
- Permit Number
- Type of Inspection
- Location Requested for Inspection.

Once this form has been submitted, one of our ride inspectors will be in contact with the requester to schedule an inspection.

Key Points

When filling out an Incident/Mechanical Breakdown form, it is imperative to our staff that it is completed and includes the most accurate information available. The submission of the form initiates the inspection process to assess the safety of the amusement ride. The better the information provided, the better service we can provide to owners, operators, and the public to ensure the safe, fun entertainment everyone is seeking on the amusement ride.

One other key point in reporting incidents, accidents, and/or mechanical breakdowns is the requirement to contact our 24 hour Hotline Service per N.J.A.C. 5:14A-4.13. Please be reminded that this is an *emergency service* provided to you for reporting serious incidents and accidents. Please do not use the emergency hotline service for requesting inspections and leaving general messages for someone to return a call regarding a permit. The emergency hotline phone number is 609-292-2099. This service should be used for reporting emergency situations 24 hours a day, regardless of our normal business hours.

As always, we wish you the best for a safe and successful 2019 ride season.

