



Notice of Qualified Inspector Certification Categories for Amusement Rides and Amusement Attractions

The Department of Agriculture (Department) administers and enforces the Amusement Ride Inspection Act (4 P.S. Sections 401 – 419). The regulations promulgated under authority of that act require the Department to categorize amusement rides and amusement attractions, and to publish this list of categories on its website. This requirement is imposed by the regulation at 7 Pa. Code Section 139.9(b), titled *Qualified inspectors – Certification categories*.

The categorization of amusement rides and amusement attractions will assist the Department in developing ride-specific or attraction-specific training requirements (including course content and minimum required hours of instruction) for persons who seek to become “qualified inspectors” of amusement rides and amusement attractions. The Department is guided by (but not bound by) the various amusement ride and amusement attraction categories identified by ASTM International (the organization formerly known as the American Society for Testing Materials). The Department is free to establish a category that *varies* from an established ASTM International category if it believes another categorization is more appropriate. The Department may also establish categories to address amusement rides or amusement attractions for which there is no applicable ASTM International categorization.

The Department hereby designates the following categories of amusement rides and amusement attractions:

1. **Water Attractions (including Water Slides).** This category is also a designated ASTM International category.
2. **Go-Carts and Bumper Boats.** These categories are also designated ASTM International categories. The Department believes that since Go-Carts and Bumper Boats use similar technology and are frequently in operation at the same location, these two amusement rides should be included in a single category for purposes of training qualified inspectors. .
3. **Walk-through Attractions (including “Haunted” Attractions).** Walk-through attractions (such as “haunted houses”) have no specific ASTM International categorization. The Department believes it is appropriate to have a distinct categorization for this type of amusement attraction.
4. **Inflatable Amusement Attractions.** This category is also a designated ASTM International category.

5. **Extreme Sports (including Climbing Walls and Bungee Trampolines).**

Although there is no current ASTM International categorization of this type of amusement ride or amusement attraction, ASTM International is currently moving toward establishing such a categorization. In the interim, the Department believes it is appropriate to establish a distinct category for this type of ride or attraction, in these “extreme sports” attractions tend to be aggregated at facilities that do not have other types of rides or attractions on-site.

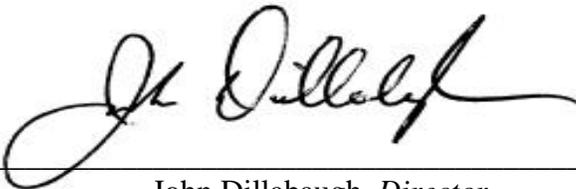
6. **Amusement rides and amusement attractions that are not within any of the five categories identified above.** This category has no specific ASTM International categorization. The Department believes it is reasonable to establish this category, so that all rides and attractions are categorized and appropriate training for each category can be developed.

The Department will review and revise this categorization on an ongoing basis, and maintain the current categorization on the Department’s web site:

www.agriculture.state.pa.us

This document takes effect as of January 23, 2009, and shall remain in effect until terminated or modified by subsequent notice.

Interested persons may direct comments or questions to this office.

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John Dillabaugh, *Director*