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**Memorandum 002
Operator Requirements**

Date: July 23, 2021
To: Amusement Ride Owners/Companies
From: Gus Guadamuz, Deputy Chief Elevator/Amusement Ride Inspector
Re: Operator Requirements

Our industry has suffered labor shortages this season. Accidents can occur if Ride Operators are not properly trained. The Division of Fire Safety requests you, as a ride owner to be aware of our State Code of Regulations which require specific conditions and training for Ride Operators. Please assure your operators are properly trained before they operate any ride to make sure they are prepared to operate the ride safely. Our spot inspections will be focusing on the operation of rides this year. Please review the following Operator Requirements.

11 CSR40-6.080 Operators; Requirements

- 1) No person shall operate an amusement ride unless he or she is at least sixteen (16) years of age.
- 2) The operator shall operate no more than one (1) amusement ride at any given time, even if automatic timing devices are used to control the time cycle of the ride.
- 3) An operator shall be in attendance at all times and within arm's length of the operator's station when the ride is in operation.
- 4) The operator shall be trained in the proper use and operation of the amusement ride as provided for in American Society of Testing and Materials F770 and American Society of Testing and Materials F853. Verification of such training shall be made available upon request.
- 5) The operator shall ensure that all passengers' safety devices are in place around patrons before starting.
- 6) The operator shall not operator or be in physical control of any amusement ride while under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance, or drug, or any combination there-of. For the purposes of this section, the term "controlled substance" includes substances defined by Chapter 195, RSMo.
- 7) The operator shall ensure that no one is permitted on a ride while carrying any article, i.e., food, beverages, packages, lighted cigarettes, etc., which could endanger the rider or spectators.
- 8) The operator shall be an employee of the owner.
- 9) Based upon probable cause, the operator of an amusement ride shall submit to a breath test or chemical tests of blood, saliva, or urine to determine the alcohol or drug content.

Thank you for your continued awareness and diligence to keep our Amusement Rides safe in our State.

Gus Guadamuz

Deputy Chief Elevator/Amusement Ride Inspector