

NEBRASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

TITLE 228 - DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

CHAPTER 8 - RIDE OPERATORS

001. This chapter is adopted pursuant to *Neb. Rev. Stat. §48-1803*.
002. An amusement ride shall be operated by a competent ride operator trained for the duty. The ride operator of a ride or device, other than bungee jumping operations shall be at least sixteen years of age. In the case of bungee jumping operations, the ride operator shall be at least twenty-one years of age. Ride operators shall meet minimum age requirements above the age of sixteen years when indicated by the insurance company insuring the ride prior to operating any ride or device.
003. Each ride or device shall be operated by a competent ride operator trained for the duty. Each ride operator shall receive instructions and/or training from a responsible party prior to operating each amusement ride or device. Such training shall include a review of Nebraska's amusement ride rules and regulations. A current copy of Nebraska's amusement ride rules and regulations shall be maintained and available for review by operators. The length of training shall be determined by the owner and documented in writing as completed by both the owner and operator. This information shall be made available upon request of a qualified inspector. This written policy and a list of competent ride operators shall be made and maintained by amusement ride owners. The training policy shall be filed with the commissioner upon each annual application for permit to operate. The competent operators list must specify all rides or devices the operator is trained to run.
004. A ride operator shall have knowledge of the use and function of all normal operating controls, signal systems, and safety devices applicable to the ride or device and of the proper use, function, capacity, and speed of the particular ride or device which he or she is operating.
005. A ride operator shall have complete control of the ride or device at all times when it is being operated for the public's use. When the ride or device is shut down, provision shall be made to prevent operation by the public. No person other than a trained ride operator shall be permitted to handle the controls of a ride or device during normal operation except where it is designed to be controlled by the passenger.
006. A ride operator shall be in attendance at all times when an amusement ride is in operation.

007. The following guidelines are to be followed by owners of amusement rides when developing a written ride operator(s) training policy:
- A. Legible notices or signs shall be prominently displayed, clearly and simply stating any limitations as to who has to be excluded from being carried on the ride or device. Ride attendants and operators should, so far as they can reasonably do so, see that such exclusions are enforced.
 - B. A ride operator in charge of a passenger carrying amusement ride/amusement device shall not operate the device at a speed which exceeds the maximum operation speed as specified in the manufacturer specifications.
 - C. Every passenger carrying amusement device shall be loaded in a manner which ensures that all passengers are accommodated and carried safely. Where there is a particular requirement to load passengers into a partly filled car or device in a particular pattern, the ride operator in charge of the device should ensure that this loading is correctly carried out.
 - D. Where the ride operator does not have a clear view of all loading and unloading points, a system of signals shall be adopted to inform him/her of the time when it is safe for the ride or bungee jump cycle to start. Before a person operates a system of signals, he/she should be fully instructed on the system. A copy of the signal code currently in use should be conspicuously displayed in appropriate areas.
 - E. A ride attendant shall carry out his/her duties on the device under the supervision of a ride operator for the device. An attendant is not authorized to operate or control a ride unless proper documented training has occurred to classify the individual as an operator/attendant.
 - F. The ride operator/attendant shall take all reasonably practicable measures to prohibit members of the public from using the device when he/she considers that they are incapable of doing so safely.
 - G. Every ride operator/attendant shall carry out his/her duties in accordance with instructions given to him/her and with due regard to the safety of members of the public and others working with him/her on the device.
 - H. A ride operator/attendant while at work at an amusement ride/device should carry out his/her duties in a manner which puts neither himself/herself nor any other person at risk because of his/her actions. In particular, he/she shall not ride in a device in a precarious position, nor jump on or off in circumstances where it will be dangerous.
 - I. The ride operator/attendant shall ensure that each passenger and patron is appropriately positioned and that any restraint equipment is effectively fastened in position before either starting the ride cycle or before giving any signal or form of indication that the ride cycle may be started.
 - J. The number of persons permitted to stand on loading platforms shall be restricted to limit the possibility of their contact with moving equipment. In the case of bungee jumping, no more than four persons, including ride operators and attendants, shall be on the jump platform at any one time.
 - K. Where there is a possibility that passengers on an amusement ride/amusement device may become stranded while still on the ride away from the disembarkation point, instructions shall be prepared by the owner of a ride which detail the arrangements for conveying them safely and without undue delay to a place of safety, preferably in the unit in which they are traveling. In the case of a dark ride, the instructions shall detail the arrangements for conveying passengers to the exit. The arrangements shall be suitable for all persons allowed to use the

device and shall be known and understood by the ride operator/attendant.

- L. The ride operator in control of an amusement device shall have received suitable and sufficient training in the working of the ride/device to ensure that he/she has adequate knowledge of:
1. The method of operation of the amusement device itself and of any particular measures to be taken to ensure that it is operated in a safe manner;
 2. The duties that have to be carried out by the ride attendants working on the amusement ride/device to ensure its safe operation;
 3. Any particular specific measures that have to be adopted to ensure the safety of passengers where this is appropriate;
 4. The steps required to ensure that appropriate action is taken in the event of an emergency arising at the ride/device for which he/she is an operator; and
 5. The ability to communicate safety instructions to passengers.
- M. The ride attendant appointed to work on any amusement device shall have received suitable and sufficient training in the working of the ride/device to ensure that he/she has adequate knowledge of:
1. The task he/she is required to perform on the amusement ride/device;
 2. The procedure for reporting any breakdowns or defects which he/she notices; and
 3. The measure or actions which he/she is required to take to assist an operator in the event of an emergency arising on the ride/device.