

What is an Amusement Ride?

“Amusement ride” means any mechanical or electrical device that carries or conveys passengers along, around, or over a fixed or restricted route or course or within a defined area for the purpose of giving its passengers amusement, pleasure, thrills, or excitement including, but not be limited to:

What is **NOT** an amusement ride?

- Nonmechanized playground equipment;
- Hayrack rides;
- Homemade barrel trains; and
- Waterslides less than 35-feet.



- ferris wheels;
- carousels;
- parachute towers;
- bungee jumping;
- reverse bungee jumping;
- commercial zip line;
- tunnels of love;
- roller coasters;
- boat rides;
- water slides that are at least 35 feet in height and that use water to propel the patron through the ride;
- inflatable devices;
- trampoline courts;
- go-karts;
- equipment generally associated with winter activities, such as ski lifts, ski tows, j-bars, t-bars, chair lifts and aerial tramways; and
- equipment not originally designed to be used as an amusement ride, such as cranes or other lifting devices, when used as part of an amusement ride.



Who is a qualified inspector?

Inspections can now be completed by a person with a Level I certification from NAARSO.* Prior law required a Level II.

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If a city owns an amusement ride what must they do?

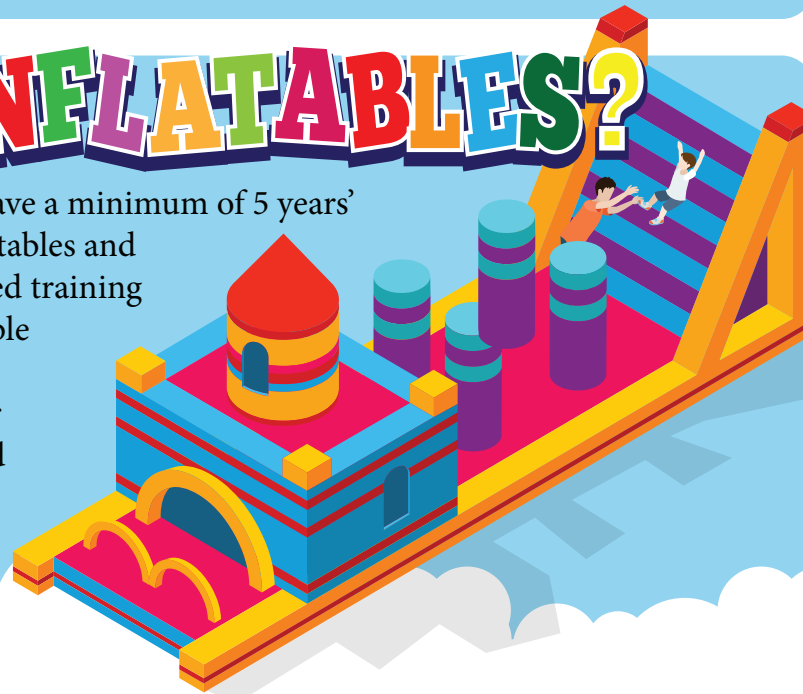
- The city must register with the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL).
- The city must submit an application for a permit for the ride with KDOL.
- The ride must be inspected annually by a qualified inspector.
- Perform and record daily inspections of the ride.

What are the changes from 2017?

- Qualified inspector reduced from a Level II to a Level I certification from NAARSO.
- Rides manufactured prior to July 1, 2018 can qualify as “service proven” allowing the NAARSO* Level I inspector to complete inspection certification. Without this change only the manufacturer of the ride would be able to make the certification.
- Rides manufactured prior to January 1, 1930 are considered “antique amusement rides” and have reduced permit costs as well as lower insurance requirements.

What about **INFLATABLES**?

An inspector must have a minimum of 5 years’ experience with inflatables and have received qualified training from the Safe Inflatable Operators Training organization or other nationally recognized organization.



What about **WATER SLIDES**?

- Water slides under 35-feet do not have to be registered as an amusement ride.
- All water slides 15-feet and higher that use water to propel the patron must have an attendant to ensure safety standards are followed.



2018 Kansas Legislature defines a qualified inspector to hold a Level I certification from NAARSO*

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