



# AMUSEMENT AND THEME PARK SAFETY



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Amusement and theme parks are a fun and popular way to enjoy a summer day with friends, family, and fellow Sailors and Marines. Approximately 300 million people visit the nearly 400 amusement parks in the United States each year and take about 2 billion safe rides.<sup>1</sup> The likelihood of being injured seriously enough to require overnight hospitalization for treatment is 1 in 24 million, while the chance of being fatally injured is 1 in 750 million.<sup>1</sup> Despite the rare occurrence of an amusement or theme park accident, it is important to review and follow the posted safety guidelines prior to going on any ride or attractions to stay safe.

## Prevention Tips<sup>1</sup>

To prevent the risk of sustaining an injury while visiting an amusement or theme park this season, follow the tips below from the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions (IAAPA):

- ▶ Almost all rides have restrictions based on age, weight, height, and other health factors. Following these restrictions is crucial to safety!
- ▶ Obey all ride safety rules. They should be posted on a sign somewhere near the entrance of the ride or attraction.
- ▶ Keep hands, arms, legs, and feet inside the ride at all times.
- ▶ Wait for the ride to come to a complete stop before exiting.
- ▶ Ride operators are there for a reason! Pay close attention to their instructions and any recorded announcements.
- ▶ Use safety equipment and devices properly and never fidget with or loosen any of these devices.
- ▶ Say no to peer pressure. If someone doesn't want to go on a ride, don't keep pressuring them!
- ▶ Report any unsafe behavior to a supervisor or manager immediately.

<sup>1</sup> Amusement Ride Safety. International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions (IAAPA). <http://www.iaapa.org/safety-and-advocacy/safety/amusement-ride-safety>. Updated 2015. Accessed February 2015.

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