



Ohio Revised Code

Section 993.01 Definitions.

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As used in this chapter:

(A) "Amusement ride" means any mechanical, aquatic, or inflatable device, or combination of those devices that carries or conveys passengers on, along, around, over, or through a fixed or restricted course or within a defined area for the purpose of providing amusement, pleasure, or excitement. "Amusement ride" includes carnival rides, bungee jumping facilities, and fair rides, but does not include passenger tramways as defined in section 4169.01 of the Revised Code, manufactured rock climbing walls in climbing facilities regulated under Chapter 4175. of the Revised Code, or amusement rides operated solely at trade shows for a limited period of time. For purposes of this division, "trade show" means a place of exhibition not open to the general public where amusement ride manufacturers display, promote, operate, and sell amusement rides to prospective purchasers.

(B) "Temporary amusement ride" means an amusement ride that is relocated at least once per year with or without disassembly.

(C) "Permanent amusement ride" means an amusement ride that is erected to remain a lasting part of the premises.

(D) "Owner" means any person who owns or leases and controls or manages the operation of an amusement ride, and includes individuals, partnerships, corporations, both profit and nonprofit, and the state and any of its political subdivisions and their departments or agencies.

(E) "Operation" means the use or operation, or both, of an amusement ride with riders.

(F) "Rider" means any person who sits, stands, or is otherwise conveyed or carried as a passenger on an amusement ride, but does not include employees or agents of the owner of the amusement ride.

(G) "Amusement ride operator" means any person causing the amusement ride to go, stop, or perform its function.

(H) "Reassembly" means the installation, erection, or reconstruction of the main mechanical, safety, electrical, or electronic components of an amusement ride following transportation or storage and prior to operation. Replacement of mechanical, safety, electrical, or electronic



components of an amusement ride for the purpose of repair or maintenance is not reassembly.

(I) "Repair" means to restore an amusement ride to a condition equal to or better than original design specifications.

(J) "Maintenance" means the preservation and upkeep of an amusement ride for the purpose of maintaining its designed operational capability.

(K) "Inspection" means a physical examination of an amusement ride by an inspector for the purpose of approving the application for a permit. "Inspection" includes a reinspection.

(L) "Accident" means an occurrence during the operation of an amusement ride that results in death or injury requiring immediate hospital admission.

(M) "Serious injury" means an injury that does not require immediate hospital admission but does require medical treatment, other than first aid, by a physician.

(N) "First aid" means the one-time treatment or subsequent observation of scratches, cuts not requiring stitches, burns, splinters, and contusions or a diagnostic procedure, including examinations and x-rays, that does not ordinarily require medical treatment even though provided by a physician or other licensed professional personnel.

(O) "Advisory council" means the advisory council on amusement ride safety created by section 993.02 of the Revised Code.

(P) "Safe operation" means, except as provided in section 993.10 of the Revised Code, the practical application of maintenance, inspection, and operational processes, as indicated by the manufacturer, owner, or advisory council, that secures a rider from threat of physical danger, harm, or loss.

(Q) "Private facility" means any facility that is accessible only to members of the facility and not accessible to the general public, even upon payment of a fee or charge, and that requires approval for membership by a membership committee representing the current members who have a policy requiring monetary payment to belong to the facility.

(R) "Bungee jumping" means a fall or jump from a height by an individual who is attached to an elastic cord that prevents the individual from hitting the ground, water, or other solid, semi-solid, liquid, or elastic surface.

(S) "Bungee jumping facility" means a device or structure utilized for bungee jumping.

(T) "Climbing facility" has the same meaning as in section 4175.01 of the Revised Code.