

Oklahoma Department of Labor



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COMMISSIONER OF LABOR

MEMORANDUM

March 6, 2018

To: Amusement Ride Owners/Operators

From: Paul Peepers, Director
Safety Standards Inspection Services

Subject: Amusement Ride Gold Star Program

The Oklahoma Department of Labor (ODOL) Amusement Ride Gold Star program recognizes companies operating in Oklahoma that not only meet all safety laws in the state, but also go above and beyond what is required by law. Through their dedication to safety for their patrons and employees, these companies have achieved the goals and objectives of the Gold Star Program.

Companies awarded a Gold Star will have completed a comprehensive review for compliance with the Amusement Ride Safety Statutes 40 O.S. § 460, *et seq.*, Amusement Ride Safety Rules, Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC) 380:55. Areas reviewed are: meeting registration and insurance requirements, payment history, a minimum of a three (3) years' operating in the State of Oklahoma, inspection history, incident rate, and compliance activity. The program honors those companies for their positive relationships with the ODOL and their desire to eliminate the possibility of injuries in their industry.

The Amusement Ride Gold Star program recipient will receive a certificate and flag along with their company being listed on the ODOL Amusement Ride web page showing their commitment to safety.

If you have any questions regarding the Gold Star program please contact the Oklahoma Department of Labor at 405-521-6100/1-888-269-5353 or odol.amusement@labor.ok.gov.

Respectfully,

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Amusement Ride Gold Star Program Criteria for Qualification

Companies awarded a Gold Star will have completed a comprehensive review of compliance with the Amusement Ride Safety Statutes 40 O.S. § 460, *et seq.*, Amusement Ride Safety Rules, Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC) 380:55. The program recognizes companies operating in Oklahoma that not only meet all safety laws in the state, but also go above and beyond what is required by law. The Gold Star will be awarded on an annual basis (calendar year) at no cost to the business.

Areas reviewed for consideration for a Gold Star are: meeting registration and insurance requirements, payment history, a minimum of a three (3) years' operating in the State of Oklahoma, inspection history, incident rate, and compliance activity.

Upon completion of the initial review process an onsite evaluation will be completed. The onsite evaluation will consist of: inspection, review of employee training program, management's statement of commitment to safety, training manuals, self-inspection protocol, accident/incident investigation and reporting, and preventative maintenance.

The Safety Standards Service Director will review the results and make a recommendation to the Commissioner of Labor. If approved the business will then be presented with the Amusement Ride Gold Star and added to the ODOL's Amusement Ride Web page designating them as an Amusement Ride Gold Star Company.

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Respectfully,

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