

Girl, 9, killed in fall from Sizzler ride at Texas carnival

(Sunday, December 18, 2005) - At a carnival in Austin, Texas, a 9-year-old girl suffered fatal head injuries when she fell out of a Sizzler ride.

The ride is owned and operated by Crabtree Amusements. The company's owner says that the girl exceeded the ride's minimum height requirement for passengers. He says that the girl probably either slipped or slid underneath the safety bar and fell only a few feet, and that she may have been hit in the head by another car.

Girl, 7, killed in fall from Scrambler at Playland

(Saturday, May 22, 2004) - At Playland amusement park in Rye, New York, a 7-year-old girl suffered massive head injuries when she fell from the park's Mind Scrambler ride. She was rushed to a hospital where she was pronounced dead.

Investigators say that there is no evidence to indicate that there was a mechanical malfunction or that park safety procedures were not followed by the ride operator. The girl, who met the ride's 48-inch height requirement, was riding alone.

Girl, 6, thrown from Sizzler, injured

(Saturday, January 10, 2004) - A 6-year-old girl suffered serious head injuries when she was thrown from a Sizzler ride at Pratten Park in Broadbeach, Australia. Police and Workplace Health and Safety inspectors investigating the accident believe that the girl put her feet up on the seat of the ride and folded her legs, leaving her unrestrained by the ride's metal safety bar. The ride operator shouted at the girl and pressed the stop button when he realized that she had moved, but the girl was thrown from her seat and hit her head on the ride's metal frame. She was hospitalized in critical but stable condition.

The ride was found to be in safe operating condition.

Girl, 9, injured in fall from Sizzler ride at New York carnival

(Friday, July 26, 2002) - At a carnival in West Islip, New York, a 9-year-old girl was injured when she fell from a Sizzler ride. The girl's family alleges that the safety bar may not have been closed properly, however the owner of the carnival, Gargano Amusements, claims that the girl "repeatedly tried to stand up in her seat while the ride was in motion," and that the girl had been warned several times by the ride operator to remain seated.

The girl suffered a lacerated kidney, an inflamed pancreas, and a broken leg.

The ride had cleared a state inspection prior to the accident.

Girl, 4, injured in fall from ride at Six Flags Marine World

(Saturday, June 8, 2002) - At Six Flags Marine World in Vallejo, California, a four-year-old girl was seriously injured when she fell from the Starfish amusement ride. The girl, who met the ride's minimum height requirement, was riding with her mother at the time of the accident. She was hospitalized in critical condition with internal head injuries.

The ride had recently passed an inspection by California's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Park officials say that the girl's safety restraints were closed and locked, and they have not yet determined how she fell from the ride.

Girl, 3, killed in fall from Sizzler ride

Saturday, February 22, 1997 - In Las Vegas, Nevada, a 3-year-old girl suffered fatal head injuries after she fell from her car on a fixed-site Sizzler ride. The girl, who was standing up while the ride was in operation, fell underneath her car. She was dragged by the ride along the ground for 3/4 of a revolution. The victim was riding with an older girl at the time of the accident. The ride operator had warned the girl not to stand up. The lap bar was engaged, however it was designed to restrain only the larger passenger.

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Record ID: 909376
Reporting Agency: California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH)
[Regulatory Report \(pdf\)](#)

Ride Description

Ride Name: Starfish (Wipe Out)
Company: Six Flags Marine World
Location: Vallejo, California
Operated As: Fixed ride
Ride Type: Whirling/spinning
Manufacturer: Chance

Accident Description

Date: 08-Jun-2002
Category: Ejection/fall from ride
Victim's Age: 4
Gender: F
Accident Description: 4-year-old girl was forcefully ejected from Wipeout during cycle.
Injury Description: Severe concussion, lacerated spleen, broken radius and ulna in left arm, second metacarpal break in left index finger, black and swollen left eye. Child airlifted to Childrens Hospital and admitted in critical condition.
Other Information: State investigators found that the operator had seated the child improperly, the ride owner had removed warning stickers from all of the cars, and the ride's design puts young children at risk of forceful ejection.

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Record ID: 909361
Reporting Agency: California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH)
Regulatory Report (pdf)

Ride Description

Ride Name: Wipeout
Company: Antelope Valley Fairgrounds - Dave Helms and Sons
Location: Antelope Valley, California
Operated As: Portable ride
Ride Type: Whirling/spinning
Manufacturer: Chance

Accident Description

Date: 02-Aug-2001
Category: Ejection/fall from ride
Victim's Age: 6
Gender: M
Accident Description: Child was ejected from moving ride.
Injury Description: Fracture of right leg, facial lacerations
Other Information: DOSH found that the child was riding alone in a seat meant for two. This allowed room for his legs to slide up and out from underneath the restraint. Although the manufacturer recommends that children not ride single, it is not a "requirement". DOSH required the ride owner to adopt and enforce an operational policy that will ensure the rider cannot be thrown from the ride due to re-positioning (sliding around) in the seat. The policy may include the addition of a secondary restraint.

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Record ID: 911327
Reporting Agency: New York Dept. of Labor
Regulatory Report (pdf)

Ride Description

Ride Name: Scrambler
Company: Rye Playland - S&L Amusement Corporation
Location: Rye, New York
Operated As: Fixed ride
Ride Type: Whirling/spinning
Manufacturer: Eli Bridge

Accident Description

Date: 22-May-2004
Category: Ejection/fall from ride
Victim's Age: 7
Gender: F
Accident Description: Child fell off ride while in motion, and was run over twice by the ride.
Injury Description: Died from head and multiple body injuries.
Other Information: Scrambler was being operated as dark ride. Child was allowed to ride alone on bench seat without seatbelts. Witnesses say child was kneeling on seat when she fell off.

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Record ID: 905564
Reporting Agency: New Jersey Dept. of Community Affairs

Ride Description

Ride Name: Scrambler
Company:
Location: New Jersey
Operated As: ride
Ride Type: Whirling/spinning
Manufacturer:

Accident Description

Date: 21-Jul-2000
Category: Ejection/fall from ride
Victim's Age: 6
Gender: M
Accident Description: Boy fell or jumped from seat as operator was stopping ride.
Injury Description: 5" laceration across back of right leg
Other Information: Misbehavior of Rider

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Record ID: 906861
Reporting Agency: New Jersey Dept. of Community Affairs

Ride Description

Ride Name: Deluxe Sizzler
Company:
Location: New Jersey
Operated As: ride
Ride Type: Whirling/spinning
Manufacturer:

Accident Description

Date: 25-Jul-2001
Category: Ejection/fall from ride
Victim's Age: 5
Gender: M
Accident Description: Patron stood up as ride was in motion. Patron was riding with older sister. Patron came out of seat and rolled on grass surface of fair.
Injury Description: Transported to Centra State Hospital
Other Information: Misbehavior of Rider

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Record ID: 898146
Reporting Agency: Illinois Department of Labor

Ride Description

Ride Name: Sizzler
Company:
Location: Illinois
Operated As: ride
Ride Type: Whirling/spinning
Manufacturer:

Accident Description

Date: 01-Aug-1998
Category: Ejection/fall from ride
Victim's Age:
Gender: M
Accident Description: Child sustained possible broken leg when he jumped off a Sizzler ride before the ride had come to a complete stop.
Injury Description: Possible broken leg
Other Information: No investigation was conducted.

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Record ID: 898063
Reporting Agency: New York Dept. of Labor
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Ride Description

Ride Name: Sidewinder
Company: Darien Lake Theme Park
Location: Darien Center, New York
Operated As: Fixed ride
Ride Type: Whirling/spinning
Manufacturer:

Accident Description

Date: 02-Aug-1998
Category: Ejection/fall from ride
Victim's Age: 8
Gender: M
Accident Description: Child ejected from car when centrifugal force caused him to let go of the lap bar. He came out through the opening at the lower side of the gondola.
Injury Description: Struck by another car, then fell down ride platform. Suffered multiple abrasions and contusions, and a deep puncture wound and laceration on left leg.
Other Information: Child met height limit for ride. Operator instructed to review adjustments for lap bar as well as height requirements for ride.

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Ride Description

Ride Name: Sidewinder
Company: Darien Lake Theme Park
Location: Darien Center, New York
Operated As: Fixed ride
Ride Type: Whirling/spinning
Manufacturer:

Accident Description

Date: 10-Aug-1998
Category: Ejection/fall from ride
Victim's Age: 5
Gender: M
Accident Description: Child ejected from car due to centrifugal force. Child's parents said he fell from between the lap bar and the side of the car.
Injury Description: Bruises to upper leg. Transported to hospital, treated and released.
Other Information: Inspectors measured child at 48.25 inches tall. Height limit for ride is 48". Owner was required to change height restriction, and additional passenger restraint procedures were recommended.

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