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## Stay Safe and Have Fun at South Carolina's Fall Fairs!

(SC LLR) — Fall fair season is back, bringing with it the excitement of rides, games, and family fun! As South Carolinians gear up for fairs from Columbia to the coast, the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation's (SC LLR) Office of Elevators and Amusement Rides is working hard behind the scenes to ensure your time at the fair is not just fun but also safe.

## Here are some tips to ensure a safe and amusing time at this year's fairs:

- Parents: Make sure the ride is suitable for your child's age, weight, and height.
- Follow the rules: Pay attention to posted warnings and ride instructions.
- Watch your step: Enter and exit rides carefully to avoid tripping.
- Use safety equipment: Buckle up! Seat belts, lap bars, and harnesses are there to protect you.
- Keep everything inside: Hands, arms, legs—keep them inside the ride at all times.
- Wait to exit: Stay seated until the ride comes to a complete stop.
- Feeling scared? Don't hesitate to signal the ride operator to stop the ride if you're frightened.
- See something wrong? If the operator seems inattentive, speak up and notify a supervisor.

- Report injuries: If an injury occurs, report it to the carnival or amusement operator in writing before leaving the premises.

Concerned about an unsafe ride or condition? Call SC LLR at 803-896-7638 to report any issues.

About SC LLR's Office of Elevators and Amusement Rides:

SC LLR's Office of Elevators and Amusement Rides ensures the safety and compliance of amusement rides across the state by conducting routine inspections and responding to public concerns. We are committed to making sure your next ride is not only fun but safe.

For more information, visit <u>www.llr.sc.gov</u> or call 803-896-7638.

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