

Regulatory Regime for

Amusement Ride Safety

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Amusement Rides (Safety) Ordinance (Cap. 449)

Enacted in 1994, the above ordinance aims to regulate the design, installation, operation and maintenance of amusement rides and ensure the safety of them for public use.

Key Roles of General Legislation Division (GLD)

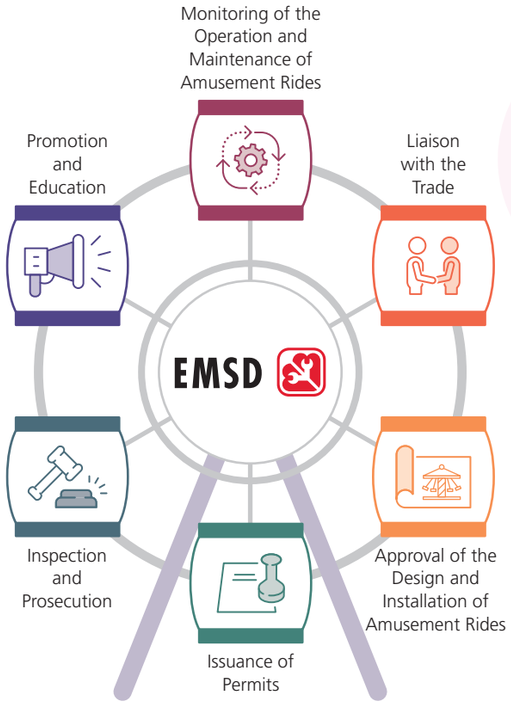
The GLD of the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) is responsible for regulating and monitoring the design, installation, operation and maintenance of amusement rides, as well as passenger behaviour through the enforcement of the above ordinance.

Amusement rides are power driven devices designed to be driven or ridden by members of the public primarily for amusement purposes, including large-scale devices such as roller coasters, ferris wheels, and kiddie rides which have lower motive power. Each year, millions of citizens and tourists enjoy the fun of amusement rides in theme parks, carnivals and shopping malls in Hong Kong.



Regulatory Approach

The GLD regulates amusement ride safety through a series of measures, including promotion and public education, liaison with the trade, formulation and review of codes of practice and technical guidelines, and enforcement actions.





Amusement Rides: about **100**



Kiddie Rides: about **500**

The GLD adopts a risk-based approach in the regulation of amusement rides. It conducts targeted inspections in response to situations that may affect amusement ride safety, including new installation and major alteration of amusement rides, periodic examination results, reportable incidents or complaints, etc., as well as surprise inspections to monitor the proper operation and maintenance of amusement rides.



Inspections per Year: about **1 850**

Stakeholders

Appreciating that cooperation with stakeholders is crucial to ensuring the safety of amusement rides, the GLD endeavours to facilitate trade development and actively promotes the safe use of amusement rides, apart from regulating and monitoring amusement rides under the above ordinance.



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