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Risk management is important to event operators. Ensure events you are involved with leave **happy memories!**

WHAT'S NEW?

I am pleased to announce a great new risk management resource for event operators and venue owners. *Special Events are Special Risks* is now available for only \$30. + shipping & handling.

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Amusement Devices:

5 checks for loss prevention

Spring is fast approaching and with it a new season of special events. Ferris wheels, roller-coasters and a wide array of similar fun rides are coming to a spot near you.

Compared to many other types of leisure activities, amusement rides are one of the safest forms of recreation. Snowmobiling, riding ATV's, dirt biking and similar leisure activities cause more injuries and deaths every year than those from amusement rides. Further, the Consumer Product Safety Association has reported that approximately 60% of ride-related injuries are caused by rider behavior rather than faulty equipment or ill-trained operators. Examples of common behaviors causing injuries are rocking cars, standing up, sitting improperly and unfastening safety equipment.

While it is difficult to control rider behavior there are steps you can take to reduce ride-related risks. Check the following points from the new book *Special Events are Special Risks*:

1. Have you, or your colleagues, dealt with this supplier previously? If not, have you checked references?
2. Does the ride supplier subscribe to practices for maintenance and operator training promoted by ride safety authorities in your jurisdiction?
3. Are the rides that arrived on site the same as those you agreed upon? If not, are you satisfied that they are reasonably safe for your intended audience?
4. Does the ride supplier screen new employees?
5. Does the supplier have adequate liability insurance covering ALL of the equipment provided?

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Ride Smart!

The Ontario Technical standards and Safety Authority applies their expertise to a wide variety of public safety matters. One focus is on ensuring the safety of amusement devices – from roller-coasters to go-karts. Their 'RideSmart' program reminds users of all ages that they have a responsibility to protect their own safety. For more information on this program, visit TSSA's website at www.tssa.org.

Watch for traps when buying Security Alarm Systems

When deciding how much emphasis to put on security to protect your people and assets, keep in mind that it should be proportional to how much you value those things.

Be aware of the capabilities and limitations of any security alarm system you are considering. Vendors, security companies and police should be able to provide you with information to help you choose the right type of alarm system for your premises. The most expensive hardware will not provide the protection you seek if you do not install a suitable system. Before you sign on the dotted line to have an alarm system installed, remember:

- Security alarm systems are only one component of a comprehensive security management program.
- A perimeter system will not detect intruders who enter through an unprotected door.
- You cannot rely on technology to remedy human errors. Even with good systems, staff needs to refuse entry to staff-only areas and ensure doors and windows are locked when leaving at night.
- Motion detectors will not work if employees move large items of equipment or furniture so that it blocks the path between the entrance point and the detector.
- No one is beyond obeying the security procedures you put in place – not even the Chair of the Board or the CAO's spouse. If there is a sign-in procedure, everyone must comply.
- Ask if the proposed system will complement or replace your existing system. If added to an existing system, they should work together seamlessly.

