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## **Standards & Related Documents Committee**

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#### **271. Automated Safety Announcements**

Both *Fairgrounds and Amusement Parks - Guidance on Safe Practice* (HSG 175; HSE Books; ISBN 0 7176 1174 4) and some of the Guidance Notes in the PM series make reference to the use of notices, direct verbal communication and public address systems for passing on safety information to ride passengers or bystanders. We note, however, that guidance has not been updated to refer to the use of automatic announcements.

There has been considerable growth in the use of this method for passing on safety information, for instance as a means of preparing intending passengers while waiting in a queue, and it is clearly an effective way of ensuring that the right messages are passed on at comparatively low cost.

Many items of safety information affect every passenger, and designers and design reviewers may need to consider the benefits of automated announcements, whether or not written signs are also used.

There may still remain a need for use of individual specific announcements, for instance for informing passengers of what is happening and what to do in the event that the ride stops for a period of time.

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