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Fall from spinning coaster

As was widely reported in the UK press at the end of May, a six-year-old boy was involved in an incident on the Twister roller coaster at Lightwater Valley theme park in North Yorkshire when he fell from the ride.

The device is a spinning coaster utilising individual, circular cars. It appears the boy slipped under the passenger restraint bar onto the floor of the car before falling from the ride. Witnesses said he fell from approximately 12ft to 15ft. He was subsequently taken to hospital by air ambulance. The report quotes a park spokesperson as saying the ride would remain closed until a full investigation into the incident has taken place.

Reports also indicate that the boy had been travelling in the vehicle with his mother and that the restraint bar had locked on her as the larger of the two occupants. This had apparently led to the boy not being properly secured, hence him subsequently sliding onto the floor of the vehicle and then off the ride. The matter brings to the fore the issue of height restrictions and accompanied and unaccompanied riders.

<https://news.sky.com/story/child-airlifted-to-hospital-after-serious-incident-at-lightwater-valley-theme-park-11731598>

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