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023. Barriers on Juvenile Rides

There was discussion of the safety of juvenile Chair-o-Plane and similar rides at the meeting of the JAC (Joint Advisory Committee for Health & Safety in the Fairground Industry) held at Preston on 13 August 1992. Discussion centred on the need for barriers at the periphery of such rides. This need had been highlighted by a recent accident in which a Chair-o-Plane car caught the handle of a toddler's buggy and dragged it into the ride.

We draw your attention to paragraphs 23, 29 and 129 of "Fairground and Amusement Parks - A Code of Safe Practice". The HSE have proposed the following guidance for comment :-

"Any juvenile ride with suspended seats, such as a Chair-o-Plane or a Paratrooper should be provided with a barrier to prevent access of the public when the ride is in motion. Such a barrier should preferably be a fence sufficiently robust not to be distorted in normal use. Any access points in the fence should be under the supervision of the ride operator or a ride attendant. Where the ride has been supplied with a raised stand-off platform to prevent access to the moving seats, a fence need not be provided, but there should be adequate supervision to deter members of the public from gaining access to the platform while the ride is in motion."

If you have any comments on this proposed guidance please send them in to the Secretary. Members having the responsibility for certificating such equipment will need to consider whether action is required.