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368. Twist Incident

On Saturday 3rd November at Hollowell Steam Rally and bonfire near Northampton, a nine year old girl was ejected from a Twist ride. The girl was riding with another girl, her cousin, at the time. The age of the other girl is not known. It is understood that she hit the perimeter fence, was very badly bruised but fortunately avoided serious injury. It was reported in the local press that the lap bar opened and when the girl “tried to pull it back, she fell out”.

The ride was a Twist and was manufactured by Edwin Hall. We have issued a number of Technical Bulletins over the last ten years regarding Twist rides but these were all related to Sonacase Twists. The lap bar and locking mechanism on this Edwin Hall version is different to those on a Sonacase.

From the video taken at the time, the ride appeared to be running at or near to its maximum speed.

At this stage it is unclear exactly what happened and we hope to have further and better information in due course.

Many of the older Twists rides have only a primitive locking system for the restraint Bar and rely on R Clips to provide a secondary lock. It is essential that R Clips are always used, are in good condition, that they have not lost any of their “spring”, that they are not worn and that they are a suitable size.