

# SAFETY LINE

## 2012 Carnival Inspection Requirements

### Start to the 2012 Season

With the mild winter and the lack of snow it is anticipated that the Carnival season will start before spring is officially here. The Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) and TSSA will be working cooperatively to ensure the rides, booths and associated electrical and safety systems are in good working order. This newsletter contains some key information the carnival owners should be aware of for the coming season.

### Ready For Inspection?

Invariably the Carnival's are not ready for Inspection by the projected time and the ESA Inspector either has to wait or make arrangements to return. These situations can lead to additional charges and/or delays opening. After submitting the completed Carnival application, ESA will provide each Operator with their confirmed inspection dates along with notification numbers and the assigned Inspector for each site. Once your inspection date and time has been confirmed, it is your responsibility to notify the Inspector prior to his arrival if there are any changes such as a change in time, date or location, or if another Operator's equipment will be substituted. Carnival Owners must provide ESA with a minimum of 2 business days notice for changes to their schedule or when adding new dates. This means Carnivals hoping to open on a Saturday, Sunday or a holiday Monday must notify ESA no later than 5pm the previous Wednesday. Carnivals opening over the Easter weekend must notify ESA no later than 5pm the previous Tuesday. Last minute applications typically present us with considerable scheduling challenges and are sometimes not possible. For scheduling changes you can contact Sherry Bruder at 905-712-7883 or at [sherry.bruder@electricalsafety.on.ca](mailto:sherry.bruder@electricalsafety.on.ca).

### Rides and Booths must be Energized

A carnival is deemed ready for Inspection when the rides and booths are energized. ESA uncovered a shock hazard last year at a carnival in southern Ontario that would not have been discovered if the equipment had not been energized prior to the Inspection. Please ensure that the dates and times provided to ESA are reflective of the time the rides and booths will be setup and powered up.

### 2012 Inspection Fees

Fees for Carnival Inspection are as follows;

- First 5 (or less) rides/booths \$127
- Each Additional 5 rides/booths \$76

### Fees for Inspections outside normal working hours

Electrical Inspections are performed during normal working hours (8:00am to 5:00pm) Monday to Friday (excluding statutory holidays). When an inspection visit requires an extension of the normal hours, the following fee applies in addition to the fee payable for the service.

- Scheduled Inspections outside normal working hours \$386 (flat rate) +HST
- Unscheduled Inspections outside normal working hours \$579 (flat rate) +HST

### Last Minute Inspections

For an inspection involving a visit during normal working hours but on a day when the Inspector is not in the area (emergency or same-day inspection), the following fees apply in addition to the fee payable for the service.

- Last Minute Inspections during normal working hours \$133/hr + HST

ESA is pleased to offer a complimentary ½ day workshop for participants of ESA's Carnival Inspection program  
**ESA SPEC-003 Television, Film, Live Performance and Event Electrical Guidelines**  
April 4<sup>th</sup> 2012 at the Brae Ben Golf Course in Mississauga 9:30am – 2:30pm  
RSVP at 905-712-7883 or [sherry.bruder@electricalsafety.on.ca](mailto:sherry.bruder@electricalsafety.on.ca)  
RSVP by March 16, 2012



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### Defect Correction

Electrical defects found on carnival equipment impacts public safety and must be remedied immediately. If the ride or equipment is setup or used again without the defects being corrected, ESA will be forced to tag and lock-out the ride or equipment from further use. Any electrical defect that remains on our records uncorrected *within such time and in such manner as the notice from the inspection department directs* will automatically be subject to an administrative charge and/or re-inspection fees. The Inspector will carry the list of outstanding defects to each inspection to review the repair status with the Carnival Operator.

Last season ESA provided Carnival Operators with a report after every inspection identifying electrical defects found. Under the Ontario Electrical Safety Code (OESC) rule 2-018, all defects must be corrected as soon as possible and ESA must be notified that the corrections have been completed.

#### 2-018 Defects

(1) *Every contractor who has performed work on an electrical installation and has been notified by the inspection department that the installation does not conform to this Code shall remedy all defects in work and replace all electrical equipment that is not approved within such time and in such manner as the notice from the inspection department directs.*

### ESA Contacts

If you are interested in learning more about the Carnival Inspection Program including application inquiries, inspection requests or any administrative questions please contact Sherry Bruder at 905-712-7883 or submit requests to [carnival.inspection@electricalsafety.on.ca](mailto:carnival.inspection@electricalsafety.on.ca).

For questions regarding code requirements or defects, contact Kevin Richards, Senior Electrical Inspector at 705-623-4243 or at [kevin.richards@electricalsafety.on.ca](mailto:kevin.richards@electricalsafety.on.ca).

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### OESC Things you should know

The most frequent defect issued to Carnival locations is; **2-300 General requirements for maintenance and operation**

- (1) *All operating electrical equipment shall be kept in safe and proper working condition.*
- (4) *Defective equipment shall either be put in good order or permanently disconnected.*

Further to this, all equipment must bear the approval mark\* of an organization accredited by the Standards Council of Canada as per code rule 2-022. These markings\* must be clearly visible and legible and the ride must be in good operating condition. If not, ESA will issue defect 2-026 Cancellation of Approval to have the equipment re-approved

#### 2-026 Cancellation of approval

- (1) *The inspection department may suspend, revoke or reinstate the approval of electrical equipment according to the process set out in Subsection 6 of Ontario Regulation 438/07 and according to the rules developed by the inspection department.*
- (2) *If an approval is suspended or revoked, the electrical equipment shall be deemed not to be approved.*
- (3) *The inspection department may require that notice be given to the public or any person or class of persons by the persons identified in Section 9 of Ontario Regulation 438/07.*

If you see the label is faded contact your Field Evaluation agency to request a new label.

### Applications and Contract Information

Applications for the 2012 carnival season will be emailed in early March to all carnival operators that were on the program in 2011. Please complete your route list and confirm or update your contact information before submitting the completed application to ESA. Applications are only accepted if your account is in good standing. Also note the application now identifies the additional fees for weekend, holiday and after hours inspections.

