

AMUSEMENT PARK (CARNIVAL, FAIR, ETC.)

An amusement park is a park that provides mechanical rides (including go-carts, etc.), water slides, wave pools, etc.

Checklist

- Amusement parks, fairs and carnivals in Ohio are regulated by the Ohio Department of Agriculture Division of Amusement Ride Safety
<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/amusement-ride-safety-and-fairs>. You must have permits for every ride before you begin operation. Permits are renewed annually after the rides are inspected. A fee is charged for every inspection.
- If you have questions about insurance, permits, inspections or fees, contact the **Division of Amusement Ride Safety** at **(614) 728-6280** Or toll free at **(800) 282-1955**. The Ohio Department of Agriculture is also on-line at **<https://agri.ohio.gov/divisions/amusement-ride-safety-and-fairs/welcome>**
- Fairs, carnivals, etc, are also regulated locally.
- For complete rules and definitions regarding amusement parks, carnivals and fairs, see Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 1711 and Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Section 901:9. The ORC and OAC can be found at your local library or on-line at **<http://codes.ohio.gov/orc>**
- If you will sell souvenirs, beverages, or any other taxable items, you'll need a **VENDOR'S LICENSE**. For more information, contact **YOUR COUNTY AUDITOR** or the **OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION**.
- The **OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION** can be reached at **(888) 405-4039** for **Business Taxpayer Assistance**; **(800) 282-1782** for the **Forms Request Line**; or **(888) 405-4089** for **Tax Registration**. Information is also on-line at **www.business.ohio.gov**
- If you will sell food through a restaurant, concession stand or mobile food vendor, you must have a **food service operation license**. Contact **your local health department** for license and inspection information.
- If you will sell alcoholic beverages, you must have the appropriate permit. Contact the **Ohio Division of Liquor Control** at **(614) 644-2360** for more information. Information is also on-line at **www.liquorcontrol.ohio.gov**.
- If you will feature recorded or live music, you must have permission from the owner of the copyrighted material. You can do this by contacting **ASCAP** or **BMI**. For more information, contact **ASCAP** at **(212) 621-6000** (**www.ascap.com**) or **BMI** at **(212) 220-3000** at (**www.bmi.com**).

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*For more help, contact your local Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at www.ohiosbdc.net
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