

481—461.2(88A) Definitions. The definitions in this rule apply to 481—Chapters 461 through 463.

“Air-supported structure” means an amusement device that employs a high-strength fabric or film that achieves its strength, shape and stability from internal air pressure provided by a mechanical device such as an air blower or fan.

“Amusement device” means a climbing wall utilizing an auto belay system; a bungee jump as defined in 481—Chapter 463; a device allowing a patron to jump on a trampoline while attached to one or more bungee cords; a dry slide; a mechanical bull; a zip line that does not allow the rider to touch the ground at all times; and an air-supported structure.

“ANSI” means the American National Standards Institute.

“ASTM” means the ASTM Standards on Amusement Rides and Devices published by ASTM International.

“Attendant” means a paid or volunteer person who controls patron restraints or the operation, starting, stopping, or speed of covered equipment.

“Carnival” means an enterprise offering amusement or entertainment to the public in, upon, or by means of amusement devices or rides or concession booths.

“Certificate of noncompliance” means:

1. A certificate of noncompliance issued by the child support recovery unit, department of health and human services, pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 252J; or
2. A certificate of noncompliance issued by the centralized collection unit, department of revenue, pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 272D.

“Concession booth” means a structure that is powered by electricity and offers amusements to the public at more than one fair or carnival, or at one fair or carnival for more than seven consecutive days. A structure or enclosure offering only goods, food or beverages, rather than amusements, is not a “concession booth.”

“Covered equipment” means an amusement ride, amusement device, concession booth or related electrical equipment that is covered by Iowa Code chapter 88A.

“Director” means the director of the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing or the director’s designee.

“Fair” means an enterprise principally devoted to the exhibition of products of agriculture or industry in connection with the operation of covered equipment.

“Inspector” means an authorized Iowa Code chapter 88A inspector of the department of inspections, appeals, and licensing.

“Major breakdown” means stoppage of operation from any cause that results in damage, failure, or breakage in a stress-bearing part of covered equipment.

“Major modification” means any change to the structure of or to an operational characteristic, capacity, classification, or mechanism of covered equipment. “Major modification” includes but is not limited to changing the mode of transportation from non-wheeled to a truck or flat-bed mount or changing the mode of assembly or other operational functions from manual to mechanical or hydraulic.

“NFPA” means the National Fire Protection Association.

“Operator” means a person, or the agent of a person, who owns or controls or has the duty to control the operation of covered equipment at a carnival or fair. “Operator” includes an agency of the state or any of its political subdivisions. “Operator” includes a person who leases covered equipment and controls or has the duty to control its operation at a carnival or fair.

“Related electrical equipment” means a portable generator, blower, or other equipment necessary to the operation of an amusement ride, amusement device, or concession booth.

“Reportable incident” means an event described by one or more of the following:

1. Damage, failure or breakage of a stress-bearing part of an amusement ride or amusement device;
2. Cessation of covered equipment for more than 20 minutes with at least one rider aboard;
3. An occurrence that nearly resulted in personal injury; or
4. An occurrence that caused the operator to cease operations unexpectedly to avoid an injury or illness.

“*Rope lay*” means the length along the rope in which one strand makes a complete revolution around the rope.

“*Special operation*” means an unusual condition, interruption in operation, injury, emergency, or evacuation.

“*Walkway*” means a public passage through a carnival, fair, or park.

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