

IAAPA PUBLIC AFFAIRS UPDATE

IAAPA Member Volunteers Convene at ASTM F24 Committee Meeting

Last week, representatives of the IAAPA team and members of the North America and Global Safety Committee participated in ASTM International F24 Committee Meetings held in Jacksonville, Florida.

Formed in 1978, the ASTM F24 Committee establishes standards on amusement ride design and manufacturing, testing, operation, maintenance, inspection, and quality assurances. These standards play a preeminent role in all aspects of amusement rides and devices. The committee is comprised of approximately 1,000 consumer advocates, government officials, amusement park operators and suppliers, and amusement ride operators.

Accordingly, these standards serve as the foundation of our advocacy involving ride-safety legislation and regulations. Working in lockstep with the North America Safety and Government Relations Committee, our team is currently monitoring proposed ride safety legislation in nine states and proposed ride safety regulations in two states in an effort to promote and maintain ASTM standards. Working with local operators, we are also laying the foundation needed to influence the introduction of ride safety legislation in Alabama and Montana based on ASTM standards.

While there is no federal legislation currently pending, in the past Congress has introduced legislation to bring fixed-site amusement rides under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Given the industry's superb safety record, IAAPA opposes such proposals. Instead, we support strong state-level ride safety regulations based on ASTM standards. Adding another, possibly conflicting, layer of regulations will not improve the industry's safety record.

Our team continues to work with the appropriate congressional committees to promote the industry's safety record, the purpose of ASTM, and the importance of maintaining state-level ride safety regulations.

On a personal note, with only two F24 Committee Meetings under my belt, one thing is clear. The promulgation and implementation of world class F24 standards are the direct result of the technical expertise, guidance, and tireless work provided by IAAPA and ASTM member volunteers. The industry, consumers, elected officials, and regulators owe them a debt of

gratitude.

To learn how you can get involved with ASTM International's F24 Committee, click [here](#).



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