

DIRECTIVE

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MULTIPLE RIDERS IN WATERSLIDE FLUMES

This Directive is being issued by a provincial safety manager pursuant to section 30 of the Safety Standards Act.

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This directive has been issued by the British Columbia Safety Authority to advise all waterslide operators of their obligations to follow manufacturer's guidelines when operating these types of amusement devices.

The CSA-Z267-00 Safety Code for Amusement Rides and Devices has been adopted for use in BC. In section 8.2 of this standard, the owner / operator's responsibility to follow manufacturer's instructions is referenced. Section A1.11 of Appendix A concerning waterslides further discusses the manufacturers responsibility to document the factors that may limit the use of a waterslide. One of the limiting factors may be the number of users.

The BCSA is aware of several waterslide manufacturers who either "do not recommend" or "prohibit" multiple riders in any one waterslide flume at one time. (i.e. "double riding")

Upon receipt of this directive, you are requested to review your manufacturer's requirements for operation of your waterslide. Where the manufacturer has either prohibited or does not recommend double riding in their flumes, these restrictions must be reflected in your posted operating procedures. Waterslide staff shall be instructed to ensure that manufacturer's requirements are being enforced when your waterslides are in operation.

Attached is a list of passenger ropeway and amusement device safety officers in your area.

Provincial Safety Manager Passenger Ropeways, Amusement Devices & Recreational Railways

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