

# SAFETY SENSE

## Playing It Safe At America's Amusement Parks

(NAPSA)—Each year, America's theme and amusement parks entertain more than 300 million visitors who safely enjoy 1.8 billion rides.

The likelihood of being seriously injured on an amusement park ride in the U.S. is one in 9 million. This outstanding safety record is due to the partnership between parent and parks, which insures that the only scares are the adrenaline-pumping thrills dished out by the attractions themselves.

To help parents plan for safe, memorable trips, the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions (IAAPA) created [www.ticketforfun.com](http://www.ticketforfun.com), a Web site that offers a comprehensive online directory of attractions, ride safety tips and more. Their tips include:

- Obey listed age, height, weight and health restrictions;
- Observe all posted ride safety rules;
- Keep hands, arms, legs and feet inside the ride at all times;
- Remain seated in the ride until it comes to a complete stop and you are instructed to exit;
- Follow all verbal instructions given by ride operators or provided by recorded announcements;
- Always use safety equipment provided and never attempt to wriggle free of restraints or other safety devices;
- Parents with young children should make sure that their children can understand safe and



**When buying your tickets for amusement and theme park rides, it's important to line up for safety first.**

appropriate ride behavior;

- Never force children to ride attractions they don't want to ride; and

- If you see any unsafe behavior or condition on a ride, report it to a supervisor or manager immediately.

"Parents and guardians can provide great examples for children of all ages—as part of a parent-park partnership," said Charlie Bray, president and CEO of IAAPA. "As these adults exhibit safe behavior in a fun way, children will also find motivation to practice safe habits at every theme park, water park and attraction they visit."

Spending time at an amusement park is not only a fun way to spend quality time with your family and friends, it is also one of the safest ways to enjoy your leisure time together.

For additional safety and travel tips, visit the Web site at [www.ticketforfun.com](http://www.ticketforfun.com).