

*The Amusement Ride Safety Bulletin below is for use by State Amusement Ride Officials. We have in the past shared information with state and local authorities regarding amusement ride safety pursuant to Section 29(e) of the Consumer Product Safety Act, 15 U.S.C. 2078(e), and have asked that the information not be released to the public, as required by that statute. However, in this instance, Wisdom Industries, Ltd. has agreed to the public release of this information, and therefore the usual restriction does not apply.*

**AMUSEMENT RIDE SAFETY BULLETIN**  
**Sizzler and Deluxe Sizzler Amusement Rides**  
**October 18, 2004**

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) staff is notifying state and local authorities having jurisdiction over amusement rides that we are investigating the Sizzler and Deluxe Sizzler Amusement Rides. CPSC staff are working with Wisdom Industries, Ltd to inspect and correct as necessary existing Sizzler and Deluxe Sizzler Amusement Rides.

On September 19, 2004, an incident occurred on a Sizzler ride operating in Massachusetts resulting in the death of one passenger and the injury of two other people when the end of the seat structure gave way allowing the two occupants to be thrown out of the ride. As a result of the incident, Wisdom Industries, Ltd. is requesting that all owner/operators of the Sizzler and Deluxe Sizzler rides immediately perform the critical safety inspections detailed in the attached bulletin. In addition, the U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is requesting State and Local officials to locate these rides and require owners to cease operation of the Sizzlers until they complete a thorough inspection of the internal frame bolts, the foottub hinge bolts and internal frame welds.

**The key Inspection Points of Wisdom's Bulletin:**

***Before a Sizzler ride is allowed to operate, owner/operators must:***

- 1. Inspect, grade and torque the four (4) internal frame bolts.**
- 2. Inspect foottub hinge bolts for proper grade and all metal locknuts installed.**
- 3. Inspect internal frame welds.**
- 4. Return attached verification of inspection form to Wisdom Industries, Ltd.**

**NOTE:** CPSC staff has worked with Wisdom to update the inspection and maintenance bulletins previously distributed by Wisdom that applied to these bolted and welded joints. These updated bulletins are attached to this notice and should be used to perform the required inspection and repairs.

CPSC staff continues to work with Wisdom Industries Ltd. to resolve any safety issues related to this ride and the September 19<sup>th</sup> incident. Based upon what we now know, CPSC recommends that you not allow Sizzlers and Deluxe Sizzlers to operate, unless they meet the requirements of the

**Wisdom program. Please contact me if you have any questions or comments on this matter.**

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