Workplace Regulations & Compliance

Amusement Device Notice June 6, 2024 Accident Reporting Requirements and Clarifications

The **Amusement Device Unit** in Tennessee requires that all companies must report amusement device-related accidents and incidents in accordance with **Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-121-118**.

If you need more details, you can find the requirements on the **Report an Accident (tn.gov)** website.

According to **Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-121-118**, accidents or incidents meeting the specified criteria (below) must be reported to the unit within 24 hours of occurrence. Failure to report will incur a daily penalty assessment of three hundred dollars (\$300) until full compliance is achieved.

Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-121-101 – Chapter Definitions

- (20) "Serious incident" means any single incident where any person or persons are immediately transported to a licensed off-site medical care facility for treatment of an injury as a result of being on, or the operation of, the amusement device; and
- (21) "Serious physical injury" means a patron's personal injury immediately reported to the owner or operator as occurring on an amusement device and that results in death, dismemberment, significant disfigurement or other significant injury that requires immediate in-patient admission and twenty-four-hour hospitalization under the care of a licensed physician for other than medical observation.

Clarifications:

Immediate transport refers to transportation by any means (such as ambulatory, self, relative, friend, or other means) to a licensed off-site medical care facility.

As part of the online accident report, detailed information about the accident/incident must be provided, along with any available supporting photos and videos.

The associated device must stop operating until the Unit grants authorization for business resumption.

Upon receiving the detailed description of the accident/incident and related available photos/videos, the Unit will promptly review and evaluate the information and provide guidance on whether a post-accident inspection is necessary.

After evaluating the accident report, photos/videos, post-accident inspection reports, and any necessary corrective actions, the Unit will issue a "business resumption" letter once it confirms that the device can continue operating without further incidents.

The department aims to ensure the safe operation of all amusement devices.

Thank you for your cooperation.