THEME PARK DAILY SAFETY & RIDE INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Pre-Opening Ride Inspection

Ride Name: ..... Week of: ..... Inspected by: .....

TASK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Ride walked end to end before opening; no visible damage or loose parts.							
Structure, welds, and supports free of cracks, rust, or corrosion.							
Every restraint, lap bar, belt, and latch locks and releases correctly.							
Carriers, seats, and cars secure; no loose fasteners or missing pins.							
Brakes, stops, and safety devices tested and working.							
Operator controls, emergency stop, and communication devices tested.							
Fencing, guarding, and queue barriers intact and in place.							
Entrances, exits, stairs, and ramps clear, secure, and slip-free.							
Empty test cycles run per the manufacturer before guests ride.							
Ride signed off as safe to open by the authorized inspector.							
Additional Task:							

Instructions:

ASTM F770 and most state programs require every ride to be inspected and tested before it opens each day. Follow the manufacturer's checklist for each ride. If anything fails, the ride stays closed until it is repaired and re-tested — no exceptions

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Park Grounds & Guest Safety

Week of: ..... Area: ..... Checked by: .....

TASK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Walkways and queues free of trip hazards, debris, and standing water.							
Height requirement and rider health warning signs posted at every ride.							
Ride rules and safety signage visible, legible, and undamaged.							
Railings, handrails, and fencing secure along paths and queues.							
First aid station stocked and staffed; AED checked and ready.							
Emergency exits, evacuation routes, and gates unlocked and unobstructed.							
Lighting working in queues, walkways, and exits for evening operation.							
Restrooms, drinking fountains, and shade areas clean and working.							
Weather forecast checked; lightning and wind limits briefed to all leads.							
Lost-child and guest-help points staffed and radios working.							
Additional Task:							

Instructions:

Most guest injuries happen off the ride — on paths, in queues, and at exits. Walk the park before gates open and fix hazards first. Brief every lead on today's weather: rides stop when manufacturer wind limits or park lightning rules are reached.

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Operator Readiness & Operations

Week of: ..... Ride / Area: ..... Supervisor: .....

TASK	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Every operator on shift is trained and signed off for their ride.							
Operators briefed on today's ride status and any open restrictions.							
Operator and attendant positions staffed at the manufacturer's minimum.							
Rider height, size, and restraint checks done on every cycle.							
Loose items, phones, and bags secured before dispatch.							
Emergency stop, evacuation, and communication procedures reviewed.							
Radios and phones tested between rides and the control point.							
Operators rotated and on breaks per park policy to stay alert.							
Any abnormal noise, vibration, or fault reported and the ride stopped.							
Additional Task:							

Instructions:

A safe ride still depends on the person running it. Only trained, signed-off operators run rides, and every cycle gets a restraint check. If an operator hears, sees, or feels something wrong, they stop the ride and call maintenance. Never restart until it's cleared.

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Incidents, Records & Compliance

Location: ..... Date: ..... Signed by: .....

TASK	STATUS
Daily ride inspection records completed, reviewed, and signed.	
Any ride incident or guest injury logged with time, ride, and details.	
Serious incidents reported to your state agency as required.	
Failed items written up as work orders with owner and due date.	
Ride re-tested and signed off before reopening after any repair.	
Manufacturer bulletins and service notices reviewed and actioned.	
State ride permits, inspections, and insurance current where required.	
Operator training records current and on file for every ride.	
Inspection and maintenance records kept as long as your state requires.	
Additional Task:	

Date:

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Signature of
Park Manager

Instructions:

If it isn't written down, the inspection didn't happen. State inspectors and insurers will ask for daily records, incident reports, and training files. Report serious incidents on your state's deadline, and never reopen a ride after a repair without a documented re-test.

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