

401 SW Topeka Blvd.  
Topeka, KS 66603-3182



Phone: 785-296-7474  
Fax: 785-296-0753  
KDOL.Communications@ks.gov  
dol.ks.gov

Amber Shultz, Secretary

Laura Kelly, Governor

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 2, 2025

Contact: Derek Helms  
Communications Director  
[KDOL.Communications@ks.gov](mailto:KDOL.Communications@ks.gov)

### **Kansas Department of Labor Highlights Workplace and Amusement Ride Safety During National Safety Month**

**TOPEKA, KS** — In recognition of National Safety Month, the Kansas Department of Labor's (KDOL) Industrial Safety and Health (ISH) Division is emphasizing the importance of implementing comprehensive safety plans across both private and public sectors.

"Workplace safety is always a top priority across both the private and public sectors, including amusement rides," said Allen Vinyard, ISH Director. "By recognizing June as National Safety Month, we hope to encourage others to make safety in the workplace a top priority as well."

Private sector employers may be eligible for free confidential safety consultations, health consultations and the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP). "Cross Manufacturing partnered with ISH Health and Safety Consultant, Meriam Thompson, who will assist us during our annual safety training," said Skye Bare, GM of Cross Manufacturing. "We look forward to Meriam's presentation on Personal Protective Equipment and Noise Exposure this year."

KDOL recommends public sector employers receive workplace safety and health practice evaluations every three to five years. To learn more or to schedule your free consultation or evaluation, visit: [dol.ks.gov/ish](http://dol.ks.gov/ish).

Amusement ride safety is a shared responsibility between operators, the public and KDOL. The public is encouraged to stay informed and alert when enjoying rides this season. If you observe a ride that seems unsafe or have questions regarding permit compliance, visit [dol.ks.gov/ish/amusement-ride](http://dol.ks.gov/ish/amusement-ride) for more information and reporting options.

###

**Follow the Kansas Department of Labor:**

