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Cal/OSHA Approves Reopening of Three “Revolution” Type Rides in California

Oakland—Cal/OSHA has approved the reopening of three amusement rides, “La Revolución” at Knott’s Berry Farm in Buena Park, “Delirium” at California’s Great America in Santa Clara, and “Beach Blaster” at Belmont Park in San Diego after the ride owners successfully completed testing of the rides as requested by the manufacturer, Chance Rides, Inc. The rides were [voluntarily shut down by the parks on July 27 upon request of Cal/OSHA](#), following last Wednesday’s fatal ride malfunction at the Fire Ball ride at the Ohio State Fair in Columbus.

The Revolution type rides are similar to but designed differently than the ride that malfunctioned in Ohio. Cal/OSHA’s Amusement Ride and Tramway Unit reviewed [non-destructive testing results](#) conducted by the ride owners today and determined that the rides can open again and operate safely. Non-destructive test procedures use magnetic fields or ultrasonic waves to detect and reveal details of the ride’s inner-structure without dismantling.

The “Fire Ball” type rides manufactured by KMG remain out of operation pending further communication from the manufacturer regarding required testing or configuration. The rides in California include:

- “G Force” portable ride, owned and operated by Ray Cammack Shows at the Orange County Fair
- Fire Ball portable ride, owned and operated by Butler Amusements shut down while at the Cal Expo State Fair
- Fire Ball at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk

Cal/OSHA on Friday contacted the owners of two “Spin Out” amusement rides after receiving word that the manufacturer, England-based Tivoli Mfg., Inc., called for a shutdown of the rides as they are similar to the Fire Ball rides in design. The ride operated by Johnston Amusements at the Amador County Fair in Plymouth was shut down on Friday. The other Spin Out ride, owned and operated by Butler Amusements, was in storage in Santa Nella and is not in operation. The rides must pass the manufacturer’s detailed testing requirements and a Cal/OSHA inspection before they can be put into operation.

Cal/OSHA protects and improves the safety of passengers riding on elevators, amusement rides, and tramways. Additional information on [requirements for portable and permanent amusement rides in California](#), including inspection and issuance of permits, is detailed online. An [informational video on portable amusement ride inspections](#) is also available.

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