

Amusement devices and marquees

Information sheet



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Amusement devices

An amusement device is any mechanically powered unit that is used for rider entertainment. This is traditionally, fairground machinery e.g. merry-go-rounds, ferris wheels, roller coasters etc.

However today there are a number of devices that fall within the “amusement device” definition such as bumper boats, bumper cars, indoor go-karts operations and mini bikes.

Amusement devices must have a permit to operate from Council and a current Certificate of Registration issued by Worksafe: <https://worksafe.govt.nz/topic-and-industry/amusement-devices/>

Amusement devices are regulated under the Amusement Device Regulations 1978:
<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/1978/0294/latest/DLM64225.html>

Permit to operate

Before a registered device is operated, you must apply to the appropriate local authority for a permit. Application must be made 10 working days prior to proposed use.

The applicant must provide:

- Completed application form (including dates)
- Certificates of Registration of an Amusement Device
- Date and time of inspection required
- Payment - quote fee code 02020.011.0155

A Council employee will inspect and then issue a Permit to Operate an Amusement Device.

Amusement device fees

Description	2019/2020
1 device, for the first seven days of proposed operation or part thereof	\$11.50
Each additional device operated by the same owner, for the first seven days or part thereof	\$2.30
Each device, for each further period of seven days or part thereof	\$1.15

Amusement device fees are set by legislation.

Marquees

A building consent is required for marquees exceeding 100m². Application must be made 10 working days prior to proposed use.

Provided the marquee is going to be used for a period of not more than one month, an application may be made using the marquee building consent application form.

If the marquee is to be used for more than one month then it is considered a "building" and you should talk to the Duty Building Officer first.

Glossary of terms

Description	Term
Ministry of Building, Innovation and Employment	MBIE
Land Information Memorandum	LIM
Project Information Memorandum	PIM
Licensed Building Practitioner	LBP
Building Research Association of New Zealand	BRANZ
Environment Canterbury	ECan
New Zealand Building Code	NZBC
Restricted Building Work	RBW

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