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To: Amusement Companies State Amusement Inspectors Insurance Inspectors

From: Mark F. Mooney, Assistant Chief of Inspections

RE: COBRA Amusement Device – Lap bar restraint lock - ALERT

It has recently come to the Department's attention of a concern regarding several issues including, but not limited to the failure of the locks used on the lap bar restraints of the Cobra amusement device. During a recent state inspection, a failure of the mechanism was identified. Upon further investigation, it was determined that the lock, manufacturered by Polar Manufacturing Company, was a model number 501.

Please be advised that Polar Manufacturing Company manufactures two locks. The first lock (model number 501) is a die cast refrigerator lock. This lock is NOT recommended for outdoor use and amusement devices with this lock will not be allowed to operate in the Commonwealth. The proper lock (model number 505) is a stainless steel lock which is the model supplied to Elli Bridge Company for use on the Cobra amusement devices.

It should be noted that the devices are almost identical in appearance, however the 505 stainless steel lock is apparently \$2.00 more expensive.

Please to call me at (617) 727-3200 ext 25208 if you have any further questions.

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