

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-002296/25
to the Commission
Loucas Furlas (PPE)
(6 June 2025)**

Subject: More intensive controls on amusement parks

Accidents at amusement parks and outdoor entertainment venues continue to trouble our societies, especially when minors are involved. Facilities often fail to meet the necessary safety specifications or operate without adequate control by the competent authorities. The lack of harmonised rules and inspections at EU level creates gaps in the protection of citizens.

Given that the safety of citizens — and especially children — must be a priority:

1. Does the Commission intend to propose the introduction of uniform European safety standards for amusement parks?
2. Is there any intention to create a mechanism for mandatory certification and inspections before such facilities open?
3. What tools does the Commission have to support national authorities in inspections and controls?

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**Answer given by Mr McGrath on behalf of the European Commission
(19 August 2025)**

The Commission would like to refer the Honourable Member to its written answers to Question E-004041/19, which concluded that the specific equipment designed and constructed for use in fairgrounds or amusement parks was at the time subject to the national laws while referring to the relevant European Standard EN 13814:2004, and E-002179/2024, which clarified that such equipment is under the scope of the General Product Safety Regulation (GPSR) ⁽¹⁾. In addition, the Commission would like to complement these written answers with the elements below.

While there is currently no EU harmonisation legislation covering specifically the safety of amusement parks or fairground installations or products intended for such installations, these are indeed covered by the GPSR when made available to consumers.

Under the GPSR, only safe products may be placed or made available on the EU market. The GPSR does not require third party certification for this purpose.

However, the GPSR introduces reinforced obligations for economic operators, including requirements to provide technical documentation and to carry out an internal risk analysis.

Concerning amusement parks or fairground installations or products intended for such installations, there is currently no plan to request the development of specific technical standards.

The Commission supports national authorities through tools such as the Safety Gate Rapid Alert System, coordinated market surveillance actions, and guidance on risk assessment methodologies.

It continues to facilitate cooperation among Member States to strengthen enforcement and ensure a high level of consumer protection across the EU.

⁽¹⁾ Regulation (EU) 2023/988 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 May 2023 on general product safety, amending Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council and Directive (EU) 2020/1828 of the European Parliament and the Council, and repealing Directive 2001/95/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and Council Directive 87/357/EEC, (OJ L 135, 23.5.2023), p. 1-51.