

Compliance Awareness: Swimming Pool Slides

According to the Texas Administrative Code, Section 5.9002(2), Amusement Ride Safety Inspection and Insurance Act, any water slide that uses a mechanical pump or device to move water from the top of the slide to facilitate sliding falls under the Act's compliance requirement administered by the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI).

Compliance for water slides with a mechanical pump or device include:

- All qualifying slides must have an annual documented inspection performed by a qualified amusement ride or device inspector.
- A certification form must be filed with TDI for each slide qualifying as an amusement ride. Form AR-100, Certificate of Inspection/Reinspection must be completed and signed by the slide inspector, certifying the slide is operable and meets the safety standards set forth by the State of Texas. In addition, form AR-100 must be signed by a representative of your general liability insurer, certifying the association purchases liability insurance.
- The TDI filing must include payment of the \$40 annual filing fee.
- The current inspection sticker must be attached to the slide, and a public safety notice posted nearby.*

Once your initial filing is complete with the TDI, they will notify your association annually regarding inspection, filing fee and renewal requirements. Remember, non-compliance may result in referral to the Attorney General's office for further action.

If you have questions on any of the above, feel free to [reach out to BCH](#). Our team is glad to help.

Want to Learn More?

For a complete list of amusement ride inspection services, visit the [TDI website](#). [The National Aquatic Safety Company](#) is another excellent resource in the Houston area.

*For additional information, including access to form AR-100, required safety notice wording, contact information for amusement inspectors and frequently asked questions, [visit the TDI website](#).