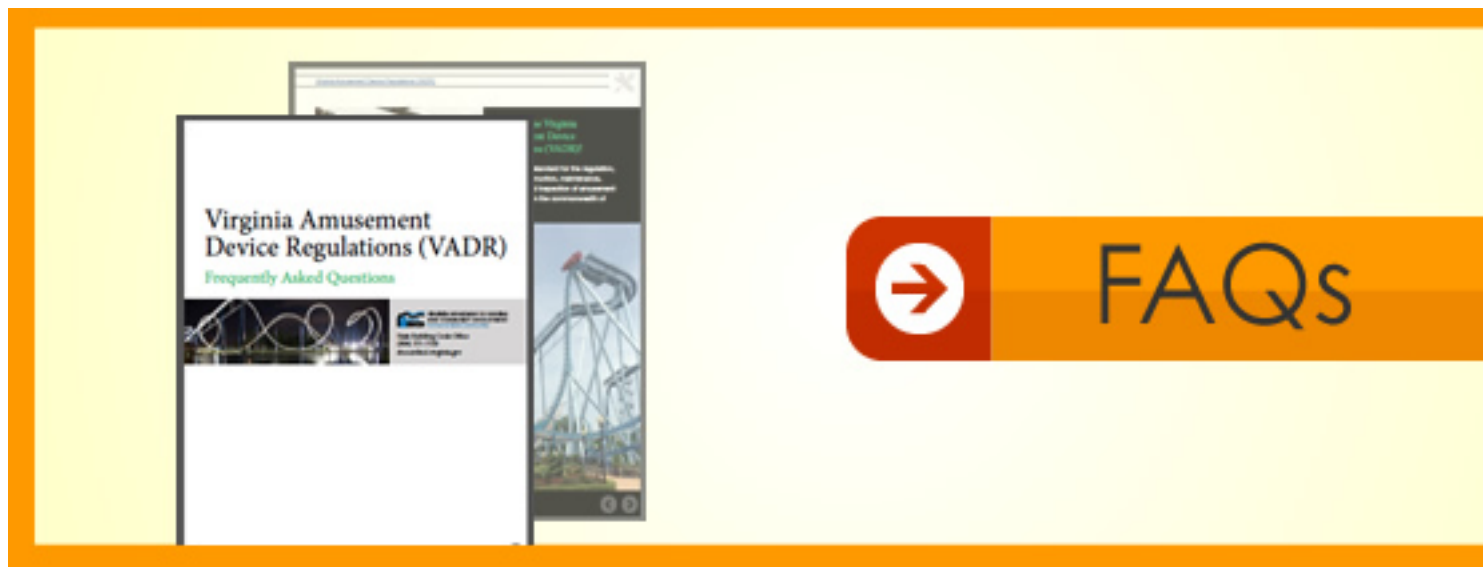


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The [Board of Housing and Community Development](#) adopts the Virginia Amusement Device Regulations (VADR) to regulate amusement devices defined as:

- Devices or structures open to the public by which persons are conveyed or moved in an unusual manner for diversion; and
- Passenger tramways.

The VADR prescribes uniform statewide regulations to be complied with for the construction, maintenance, inspection, and operation of amusement devices, whether mobile or affixed to a site. Enforcement of the VADR is the responsibility of each local government's building inspection department. The local government may charge fees to defray the costs of enforcement and appeals arising from the application of the VADR.

The board bases the technical requirements of the VADR on nationally accepted standards and

makes as few amendments as possible. Local government has not been granted the authority to amend the provisions of the VADR. The purpose is to benefit the citizens of Virginia by promoting efficiency and safety in the amusement device industry, many aspects of which are interstate in nature.

The VADR supplements the provisions of the [Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code \(USBC\)](#) for the purpose of protecting the health, safety and welfare of amusement device users. Provisions are included in the regulations for:

- the inspection of amusement devices;
- the reporting and investigation of accidents;
- the certification of amusement device inspectors;
- the qualifications and conduct of operators; and
- an administrative appeals system for resolution of disagreements between code officials and amusement device owners or operators.

The regulations recognize and refer to the code official and the [State Building Code Technical Review Board](#) as established under the USBC. Contained in the VADR are enforcement procedures that must be used by the enforcing agency. Certified amusement device inspectors must perform the inspections of amusement devices. Certified inspectors may be employees of the local government or may be independent inspectors that are paid for by the amusement device owners or operators.

After the amusement device is inspected and determined to comply with the standards under the VADR, the device is affixed with at Virginia Amusement Device Inspection Seal. To obtain a Virginia Amusement Device Inspection seal, contact [rishaunda.robinson@dhcd.virginia.gov](mailto:rishaunda.robinson@dhcd.virginia.gov) .

- [2019 Amusement Device Inspection Seals Memo](#)

For assistance regarding the application and enforcement of the VADR, please contact the local building inspection department in your locality.

## Resources

- [Virginia Amusement Device Regulations \(2015 Edition\)](#)

## Helpful Links

- [Virginia Building and Code Officials Association](#)
- [The Virginia Amusement Device Rider Safety Act](#)