

Calif. roller coaster rules stringent



Six Flags in Vallejo.
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Last week, a woman died and nearly a dozen were injured on a roller coaster at Six Flag Over Texas. With all the amusement parks and roller coasters in California, the tragedy made us ask: Could this happen in California?

To great relief, we found that California has more safeguards in place. Texas is one of at least 17 states that have no state or federal agency responsible for enforcing the safety of amusement parks, according to NBC.

California law insists that certified safety inspectors annually perform unannounced inspections of all rides' operation, physical state and records, according to the Permanent Amusement Ride Safety Inspection Program, which was put into place by a California law passed in 2000.

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