

## ***AGENCY MISSION***

The mission of the Bureau of Fair Rides Inspection is to promote the safety of Florida's citizens and visitors to our state through our amusement ride inspection program.

During your visit to a park that features concession go karts, you can be sure that state inspectors have conducted the required inspections by asking to see the last Inspection Certificate.

Permanent amusement parks are required to be inspected semi-annually, but unannounced inspections are conducted throughout the year to ensure the highest-quality maintenance, operations and safety policies for consumers.

There are over 180 permanent park locations in Florida featuring amusement rides and attractions, go kart tracks and water rides. With over 9,000 safety inspections conducted each year, our goal in providing this brochure is to make sure you, the consumer, are aware of the need to abide by rider safety instructions.

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# ***FLORIDA Go Kart Safety Tips***



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**Welcome to Florida** – the Number One amusement ride destination in the land. In Florida, you will find an amazing number of amusement opportunities to satisfy your need for thrills, excitement and entertainment.

We have provided this guide to give you tips on safely riding concession go karts in Florida.

A concession go kart is generally one that operates unguided within the area of a defined track and usually simulates competitive racing. A fee is charged to the general public. There are over 100 go karts tracks currently permitted and inspected in Florida.

## ***SAFETY TIPS for GO KARTS***

- No bumping, weaving or reckless driving.
- Remain in the kart at all times. If the kart stops, remain seated; an attendant will be out to help you.
- Slow down when entering pit area.
- Do not exit from karts in pit area until instructed.
- Shoes and shirts must be worn.
- Secure all loose clothing before entering the track and vehicle. Remove scarves and long necklaces that could flare out and be entangled with engine or wheels of the kart.
- Only one passenger per kart unless designed as a two seater.
- No smoking, eating or drinking in karts.
- Avoid stalled karts on the track.
- Do not operate a kart under the influence of intoxicants.
- Properly secure long hair prior to entering the vehicle.
- Keep both hands on the steering wheel at all times.
- Follow instructions and rules of the track.
- Keep hands and feet inside the kart at all times.



## ***ADDITIONAL TIPS for all Amusement Rides***

- Read and follow all rules, restrictions and instructions for the ride.
- Always use the safety equipment provided.
- Keep hands, arms, legs, etc., inside the ride at all times and stay seated.
- Remain in the ride until it comes to a final stop.
- Stay well-hydrated and stop riding if you feel excessively tired.
- Don't go on a ride if it seems unsafe or the operator is inattentive.



*Go kart tracks come in all shapes, sizes and surfaces with a variety of models of concession vehicles.*