

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES
CLASS SPECIFICATION

PUBLIC SAFETY INSPECTOR

POSITION CODE: 37007
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DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF WORK:

Under direction, performs in-depth technical advisory and training services to employers, employee representatives and employees in the area of employee safety and health; performs inspections of work places for compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) standards; performs inspections of carnival and amusement rides and attractions for compliance with Carnival and Amusement Ride and Attraction Safety Standards using structured guidelines; prepares inspection reports detailing violations of the Illinois Carnival Amusement Ride and Attraction Safety Laws, Standards and Regulations; recommends abatement time for particular hazards observed during the inspection; issues orders to shut down rides and attractions in the event of discovery of serious safety hazards; provides operators with the information regarding the standards.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF WORK:

1. Consults with employers, points out technical hazards and unsafe work conditions, discusses and explains applicable OSHA rules and regulations.
2. Conducts safety inspections to determine compliance with OSHA standards, noting hazardous conditions and unsafe work practices or compliance with Carnival and Amusement Rides and Attraction Safety Standards.
3. Prepares inspection reports detailing violations of the Safety Inspection & Education Act, the Health & Safety Act, the Illinois Carnival and Amusement Ride and Attraction Safety Laws and Standards, noting hazardous conditions and unsafe rules and attractions; issues orders to shut down rides in the event of discovery of serious safety hazards or dangerous violations of Carnival and Amusement Ride and Attraction Safety Standards; sets time limits allowed for correction of deficiencies in rides determined not to be an immediate hazard.
4. Reviews employers' records and safety programs; makes appropriate suggestions and recommendations for improvement in areas which are highly technical.

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5. Provides suggestions and recommendations for improved health and safety conditions to management and employees; discusses with operators sound carnival and amusement ride safety standards, practices and proper usage of equipment.
6. Makes speeches to public employer and employee groups regarding health and safety concerns in the work place, and work with representatives to foster safety training programs.
7. Trains inspector trainees on-the-job and attends seminars and training sessions to improve own skills and keep current on new developments in ride safety enforcement and unfamiliar equipment.
8. Performs other duties as required or assigned which are reasonably within the scope of the duties enumerated above.

DESIRABLE REQUIREMENTS:

Education and Experience

Requires knowledge, skill and mental development equivalent to completion of two years of college with courses in engineering, biological sciences or physical sciences, or related fields; related work experience in work safety inspection and consultation may be substituted on a year-for-year basis. Requires successful completion of an approved training program.

Knowledges, Skills and Abilities

Requires working knowledge of the federal Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) standards and regulation and applicable state statutes, rules, and regulations.

Requires working knowledge and understanding of the Illinois Carnival and Amusement Ride and Attraction Standards and Regulations.

Requires working knowledge of effective methods of inspection and enforcement.

Requires working knowledge of the fundamental principles of sound safety and health practices and methods.

Requires ability to interpret provisions of the state and federal occupational safety and health laws.

Requires ability to consult with public administrators, private sector managers, employees and others on the health and safety conditions and programs for improvement.

Requires ability to make highly technical inspections and determinations regarding compliance with health and safety standards and laws.

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Requires ability to discuss health and safety laws, rules and regulations with public administrators, private sector managers, concerned interest groups and others to secure active cooperation in safety programs and to advise and assist carnival owners and operators with compliance to safety standards.

Requires the ability to ascertain facts by observations and conference.

Requires the ability to establish and maintain satisfactory working relationships with carnival owners, operators and agency personnel.

Requires ability to climb rides and tolerate heights such as the Ferris Wheel.

Requires ability to interpret the provisions of the Illinois Carnival and Amusement Ride and Attraction Safety Laws, Regulations and Standards.

Requires the ability to prepare clear and concise reports of inspections.