

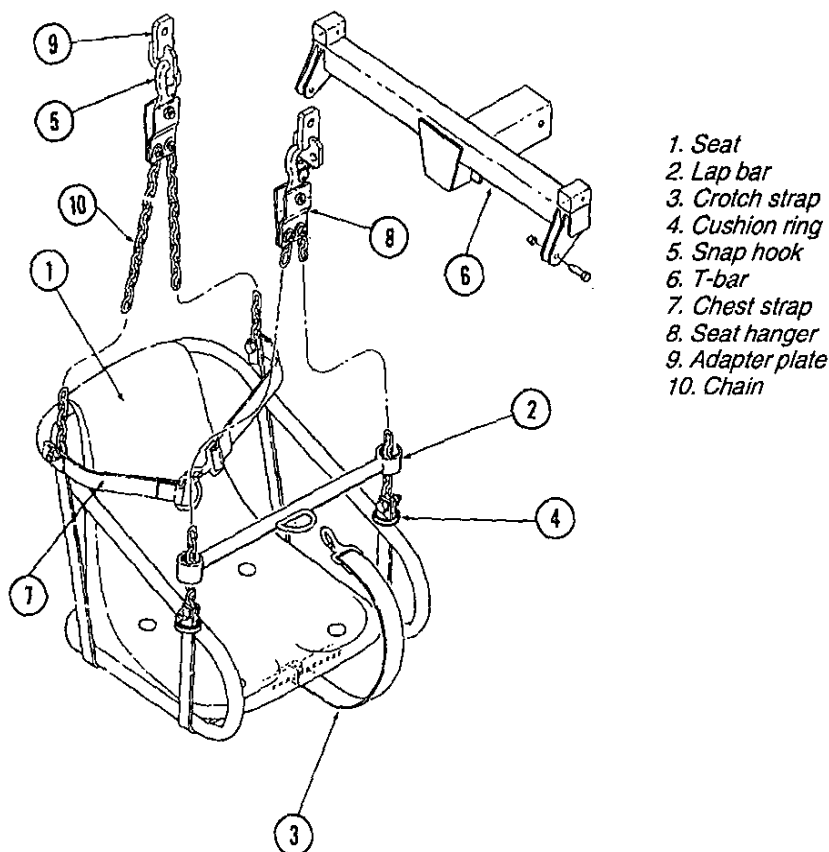


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AMUSEMENT RIDE SAFETY ALERT!

On April 1, 2000, in Philadelphia, PA, an amusement ride, the "YoYo", owned by Benner Amusements, Middleburg, PA, was involved in an incident where one female and four male riders received minor injuries. The injured riders' ages ranged from 13 years to 22 years. The ride was made by a predecessor of Chance Rides, Inc. It was reported that a sweep spreader chain became entangled with the chair chains attached to a snap hook. This resulted in the snap hook and chair chains detaching and falling. While falling, the chair chains extended approximately sixteen feet past the radius of the ride as the ride was still revolving while the operator stopped the ride.

Although, the exact sequence of events has yet to be determined, the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, [CPSC] working in cooperation with Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and Florida amusement ride safety officials, recommends that the following procedures should be followed on other "YoYo" amusement rides or similar amusement rides operating in your states.



- Review emergency shutdown procedures.
- Inspect the condition of the sweep spreader chains for wear, stretching, cracking, or other damage.
- Inspect the condition of and operation of the snap lock.
- Inspect the condition of the rivet used to fasten the latch to the snap lock body.
- Observe the orientation of the sweep spreader chain to the snap hook and chains for entanglement during raising and lowering of the sweeps during each cycle of the ride.
- Follow the other inspection instructions in the Chance Rides, Inc. manuals and bulletins, etc. for any Chance "YoYo" ride or similar ride.
- Components found to be worn, stretched, cracked, missing parts, or damaged should be repaired per Chance Rides, Inc. (800-242-6231) instructions.
- During ride loading and operation any rider horseplay should be admonished
- Should you require further assistance, or want to report an amusement ride problem, please call:

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