

Appendix A

Jurisdiction and Role

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Technical Safety BC administers the Safety Standards Act (“Act”) on behalf of the Province of British Columbia¹. The Act and associated Regulations apply to the following products, operations and work associated with these products:

- (i) amusement devices (including waterslides);
- (ii) passenger ropeways;
- (iii) boilers and boiler systems;
- (iv) electrical equipment;
- (v) elevating devices and passenger conveyors;
- (vi) gas systems and equipment;
- (vii) pressure vessels;
- (viii) pressure piping;
- (ix) refrigeration systems and equipment; and
- (x) any other regulated product specified in the regulations.

The Act and Elevating Devices Regulation (“Regulation”) applies to amusement devices in British Columbia, including waterslides and flume riders. Incidents involving products or work subject to the Act are required to be reported in accordance with Section 36 of the Act. Technical Safety BC investigates these incidents in accordance with Section 37 of the Act and may appoint persons to assist with an investigation. The role of Technical Safety BC with respect to the investigation of incidents is to understand relationships between incidents, equipment, and work that are subject to the Act. It is our aim to learn from these investigations and to use these findings to prevent future incidents. Often, these investigations are conducted in cooperation with other agencies including fire departments, WorkSafeBC, law enforcement officials, and the Coroners Service. This investigation report is issued by a provincial safety manager and published in accordance with the Act. This report does not address issues of enforcement action taken under the Act. Any regulatory enforcement or compliance activities arising from this incident will be documented separately.

¹ Some municipalities administer portions of the Safety Standards Act. Visit www.technicalsaftybc.ca for details.