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Marlea James supervises a small group that oversees the amusement ride industry in Kansas.

In July 2017, prompted by the 2016 fatality at Schlitterbahn Water Park, the Kansas legislature passed legislation providing much-needed oversight of all amusement rides operated in Kansas. The main role of the amusement ride unit is to ensure that entities that operate amusement rides are following safety measures, such as posting signage with all safety instructions, properly inspecting and maintaining amusement rides, and adequately training amusement ride operators.

Marlea was raised in Belleville, Kansas. She received a B. S. in civil engineering from the University of Kansas and a Juris Doctor from Washburn University. Prior to becoming the Amusement Ride Coordinator, Marlea was the county attorney in Republic County, Kansas.