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Schlitterbahn Water Park

TOPEKA, Ks – The Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) and Secretary Lana Gordon wish to extend our continued thoughts and prayers to the Schwab family during this incredibly difficult time.

Safety reviews and regulatory compliances fall to various entities. State law and regulations require that amusement parks perform annual safety inspections by safety officials licensed by the National Association of Amusement Ride Safety Officials. KDOL has the authority to “conduct random” inspections of the records and certificates of inspection, along with any other documentation related to statutory compliance.

All occurrences of serious injury resulting from the operation of an amusement ride require that the ride be immediately discontinued by the park pending further inspection. KDOL is acting to ensure full compliance with this and other provisions of the act and associated administrative regulations.

KDOL has requested documentation from Kansas Schlitterbahn Water Park to ensure all safety requirements have been followed.

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