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**MIDWAY OF FUN EMPLOYEE STEPS INTO RIDE AND INJURES HIMSELF:
RIDE CLEARED, EMPLOYEE PROPERLY TRAINED SAYS CAL-OSHA**

Petaluma, CA (June 23, 2010) - Cal-OSHA Deputy Director of Communications Dean Fryer told the Sonoma-Marin Fair today that the ride in which a Midway of Fun employee was injured on was cleared. "We found there were no problems with the ride," he said.

At 2:20 pm today, an employee of Midway of Fun which runs the carnival at the Sonoma-Marin Fair opened a gate and stepped onto a ride and injured himself. The man described as in his 20s was not the main operator of the ride. The ride was the Wacky Worm, a ground level roller coaster. He severed his leg below his knee and is currently still in surgery.

"We have also confirmed that the employee was properly trained," said Fryer.

"Why the employee would do that, we have no idea," said Harry Mason, CEO of the Midway of Fun who is assisting Cal-OSHA in their investigation.

Patricia Conklin, CEO of the Sonoma-Marin Fair said, "We immediately called 911 and the injured man was transported to a hospital per our emergency procedures."

Cal-OSHA is completing an investigation of the incident focusing on the employee injury.

Said Deputy Director of Communications, Dean Fryer, "The ride was permitted by us in April and Midway of Fun is operating the ride within our requirements." Even so, the ride will not be in operation during the investigation. The rest of the carnival rides are operating however.

Fryer also commented that "Midway of Fun is one the larger carnival productions and given the number of rides and venues, has a good history."

The incident happened on the Opening Day of the Sonoma-Marin Fair and the fair will continue through Sunday, June 27. The Sonoma-Marin Fair draws more than 65,000 people to enjoy its free carnival rides, free headline concerts, and attractions such as the World's Ugliest Dog® Contest. Headliners this year include Joan Jett and the Blackhearts, Pablo Cruise, Clay Walker and Tower of Power.

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