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276. Go-Kart Safety

Our committee has had cause to discuss go-kart accidents again, there having been a number of recent ones reported in different parts of the world, including the UK.

The last time we produced a Technical Bulletin on the subject was in November 1996 (TB 146). Since that time the Health and Safety Executive has produced a useful guidance publication and a video, following research work carried out at the Health and Safety Laboratory, and an Entertainment Information Sheet. The details are as follows :-

Go-karts: Guidance on safe operation and use. HSE Books; HSG 200; 2000, 36 pages; ISBN 0717617521; Price £6.00

The guidance is intended for those involved in the design, manufacture, examination, supply, importation, and use of go-karts. It lists hazards and outlines the precautions needed to avoid them. It gives advice on design and inspection; buying and selling; track design and maintenance and safe operations. The advice particularly concerns go-karts used in fairgrounds / amusement parks. However, the guidance is also relevant to go-karts used at separate karting tracks where it should be read in conjunction with *Health and safety at motor sport events: a guide for employers and organisers*; ISBN 0717607054.

Karting: A guide to safe circuit operation. Health and Safety Laboratory; 2000, 23 mins; VHS PAL version only; ISBN 071761820X; Price £25.00 + VAT.

This video highlights the most common areas of risk at karting circuits and suggest ways in which the risks may be controlled. Good track design, driver instruction and track marshalling may contribute to a safe driving environment. These issues are covered in the video - with examples of good practice.

Effective safety briefings for drivers at karting circuits. HSE information sheet; Entertainment Information Sheet No 21 (ETIS 21). Free.

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