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156. Reverchon Log Flume Accident

We understand, that BALPPA (the British Association of Leisure Parks, Piers and Attractions) has notified its members of an accident involving a Reverchon Log Flume in one of its member parks. A girl of 14 sitting in the front of the log sustained a very bad cut to her leg. This happened at the bottom of the tallest drop on the ride.

The cause of the cut was a bolt, and examination showed that the bolts retaining the front padded section were protruding by between 4 mm and 20 mm.

Protruding bolts are not an uncommon occurrence in log flume construction (and other rides). We remind controllers importing or modifying rides, and Inspection Bodies reporting on them, of the need to ensure that hazards caused by protrusions etc. are minimised by removal, covering or shielding.

We also remind Inspection Bodies that the new British *Guidance on Safe Practice in Fairgrounds and Amusement Parks*, to be launched by the Health & Safety Executive in October 1997, includes a Report of Assessment of Conformity to Design. Such an assessment would be an appropriate occasion to look for hazardous protrusions. Bearing in mind that deterioration can cause such hazards (as well as worn edges etc.) to develop or worsen, Thorough Examination will continue to include a check on such developments.

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