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Choosing A Funfair Supplier

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Summary:

If you are involved in organising an event such as a festival, gala or perhaps a corporate funfair, what should you be looking for, and how do you go about choosing a reputable professional supplier?

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Article Body:

Like any other industry, the quality of suppliers varies from the good through the bad to the terrible. Attractive items that are well maintained, have been cleaned prior to your event and are staffed by competent people are a must. A basic safety requirement, if the staff from your supplier are not in uniform they are ignoring health and safety requirements, ignoring?

As a minimum any competent funfair operator will supply the following items as part of his safety requirements:

- Event risk assessment
- Event Fire Assessment
- Individual attraction risk assessment
- Individual attraction fire assessment
- Event method statement
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- Individual attraction safety and testing certificates
- Public liability insurance documents
- Written health and safety policy

Most of these items are actually legal requirements for service providers, so if any of them are missing from a supplier, in today's culture of 'No win, no fee' legal action it just isn't worth taking the risk. It is often cheaper than the professional fairground companies. Also examine the insurance documents carefully. Many local authorities require a minimum of £5 million so ensure your chosen supplier meets this requirement. If you choose a member of the main funfair trade union, the Showmen's Guild of Great Britain, they will have £5 million insurance and also has to have all of their attractions meet minimum testing and safety requirements. This organisation, who are still excellent at what they do, but they only have to meet lower standards. The really top notch operators will add to this list of documentation with a written environmental policy for their events, and things such as Fairtrade are rapidly gaining acceptance in the business world as a way of showing that you are using if they supported either initiative.

You should ask for supplier or testimonials from previous clients, and also for images of the attractions. Be wary, then again treat it with suspicion, competent suppliers are not afraid to supply details of previous events.

dodgems, in the U.K. most dodgem rides average around 16 cars. Some suppliers quote a much lower price, on, you pay your money you take your choice.

Just like in every other business the price is not the only criteria you should use, some companies will leave a litter strewn site behind them meaning you will have to spend extra having it cleaned up, if one of your guests ends up in hospital having tripped over an unsecured cable some suppliers will not pay because he wanted to save a couple of quid.

All in all if you use a bit of common sense, and take your time selecting your supplier just to make sure you end up with a memorable, fun and above all safe event.

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