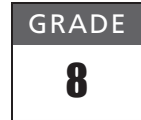


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Are Roller Coasters Safe?

Statistically, roller coasters are safer than riding on a bicycle or in a car. New coasters are tested with bags filled with sand, which are belted into the actual cars. Minimum height, weight, and age restrictions are based on the ride's force. Lap bars and harnesses keep riders safely in their seats. Extra wheels on the cars grip the track from above and below to keep the cars on the track. Inspectors examine the tracks daily to make sure the structure is safe. Above all, engineers use the laws of physics to make sure each ride is safe. Some rides have a gravity force where riders feel more gravity than astronauts feel at liftoff!

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