



## NATIONAL AUTHORITY FOR TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

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#### **Water parks, adventure parks, amusement parks and festivals amusement rides and sports equipment set up in water parks are inspected by the NATCP**

**In 2025, the National Authority for Trade and Consumer Protection (NATCP) will continue to focus on the safety of families' leisure activities. As part of this, a nationwide thematic investigation has been launched to check the operating conditions of amusement equipment and sports equipment for entertainment purposes. Last year, a total of 3,737 devices were inspected at 710 locations, resulting in 947 devices not complying with the legal requirements. The NATCP is committed to conducting re-inspections which are timely and necessary. Where justified, as in the past, a temporary ban on the use of devices will be imposed following inspections.**

The inspection, carried out by government agencies under the professional direction of the NATCP, aims to check the safe operation of various leisure facilities such as aqua parks, adventure parks, amusement parks, festival facilities and outdoor fitness parks, which attract large numbers of visitors during the spring and summer months. These facilities - such as water slides, rope courses, climbing walls, outdoor fitness equipment - can pose a high risk if their design, stability, operation or maintenance does not comply with the legal requirements.

In order to protect consumer safety, the authority will verify in particular the existence of the required documentation, the adequacy and validity of its content and the presence of the markings to be affixed to devices. The justification for the inspection is also borne out by the experience of previous years: while the rate of objections was relatively low for adventure parks and amusement parks, it was extremely high for fitness parks, making a re-inspection timely and necessary.

Previous year, staff from government offices in the capital and counties checked 3,737 devices at a total of 710 locations. In the course of the checks, 170 sites (24%) and 947 devices (25%) did not comply with the legal requirements.

The authority applied a variety of measures to remedy the infringements until the end of the inspections:

- in 86 cases, 515 devices were temporarily banned,
- the ban was later lifted for 208 devices in 39 cases
- after the deficiencies were remedied,
- in 53 cases, operators were requested to take corrective action for 335 devices,
- in 37 cases, 313 devices were subject to an obligation to continue operation,
- in 58 cases, 385 devices were subject to a condition of continued operation,
- in 76 cases, a total of HUF 30 170 000 in fines were imposed.

Dr. Lilla Németh-Weingartner, President of the NATCP, said that *"the National Authority for Trade and Consumer Protection remains committed to consumer safety and will do its utmost to ensure that the use of entertainment facilities and equipment is as safe as possible for families. The Authority will continue to carry out*

*preventive controls, as responsible operation and conscious use are essential to ensure that families can enjoy the recreational opportunities available to them in peace and safety throughout the country. Proper operation is not only essential to prevent accidents, but also contributes to enhancing user experience and confidence."*

The NATCP and the government agencies will continue to carry out targeted inspections on a regular basis, as our aim is not only to identify deficiencies, but also to encourage compliance, to promote safe operation and to maintain and further reduce the already low complaint rate in other areas.

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