



Best Practices for the Safe Set-up & Operation of an Inflatable Amusement Device

SAFE SET-UP

- Situate the inflatable device away from tree branches, fences, walls and overhead cables
- Make sure that the selected site has adequate space for anchorage
- Clear the grounds of large stones and sharp objects, and/or place an appropriate tarp on the ground to protect the bottom of the unit
- Set-up/position the anchoring system and mechanical equipment so that they will not trip anyone entering or exiting the device
- Plug the blower into a GFCI (ground fault circuit interrupter)
- Make sure that the generator is CSA approved and that wires are properly secured in order to avoid a tripping hazard
- Make sure that the inflatable device is fully inflated and not sagging
- Check for rips or tears when the device is fully inflated
- Make sure that the operating area is clear of onlookers, so that the operator(s) will have a clear view of the jumping surface and of users mounting and dismounting the inflatable
- Cover hard surfaces adjacent to the inflatable's open sides and entrances/exits with non-inflatable mats (e.g. gym mats) to a depth of at least 1.2 metres (4 feet)

SAFE OPERATION

- Appoint at least one adult – and preferably two – to supervise children at all times when they are on an inflatable device
- Make sure that operators/attendants are familiar with what users **are not permitted to do** in or on the device
- Post safety rules in clearly visible areas so that users are aware of them before they are allowed to use the device
- Do not exceed manufacturer’s specifications for the capacity of the inflatable
- Make sure that riders remove shoes, loose-fitting clothing, jewelry and other personal items before using the device
- Do not allow riders to take food, drink or sharp objects onto an inflatable amusement device
- Do not allow riders to attempt any kind of stunt – e.g. somersaults or wrestling – on an inflatable amusement device
- Make sure that only children of approximately the same size are permitted to play on an inflatable structure at the same time
- Do not allow children to sit or lie down on an inflatable’s jumping surface while others are bouncing around them
- If the device has an inflatable slide, make sure that only one child at a time is using it
- Ensure that the inflatable is properly anchored and secured to the tether points in accordance with the manufacturer’s guidelines
- Discontinue use of an inflatable amusement device in the event of rain or winds in excess of 24 km/hr (15 mph)
- If an inflatable unit deflates, remove occupants immediately

The above checklist is a sample only, intended to help with the set-up and operation of an inflatable amusement device. There may be specific circumstances that affect a particular property and additional information may be needed in such instances. The checklist is not intended to be an assessment of what is required for a specific property.