



AMUSEMENT RIDES, JUMPING CASTLES AND INFLATABLES

Amusement rides, jumping castles and inflatables present one of the highest risks at events. This fact sheet will help you understand best practice around amusement rides, jumping castles and inflatables, as well as Council's requirements around set-up and operation.

Council Requirements:

- Amusement rides, jumping castles and inflatables should be positioned at least 3m away from garden beds and any trees or roots. Structures cannot be fixed or attached to any trees or shrubs.
- Amusement rides, jumping castles and inflatables must be adequately weighted. No stakes or tent pegs are to be used.
- A 3m access route must be maintained for emergency vehicles, and a minimum of 1.8 metres on pathways for general pedestrian access.

Safe Installation and Operation of Amusement Rides, Jumping Castles and Inflatables

If amusement rides, jumping castles and inflatables aren't installed properly, they can collapse or launch in high winds and inclement weather. This may result in injury to your guests, volunteers and staff or damage to property, trees and the ground.

- Before you book any inflatables or amusements ensure your supplier has up to date public liability insurance certificates of currency, ride registration and Safety Data sheets. These should be collected from all contractors.
- All inflatables and amusements must be appropriately installed and anchored in accordance with the Australian Standard and the manufacturers instructions. For more info, refer to the Safe Work Australia guide.
- Inflatables and amusements should be installed on flat, level surfaces, away from roads and overhanging branches.
- All inflatables and amusements should be checked prior to use by the public. If something doesn't look right, tell the supplier and have them rectify it.
- All inflatables and amusement operators must be over 18 years old, suitably qualified and hold a current Working with Children Check accreditation. Make sure you specify this in advance of your event and double check the operator's credentials on the day.
- Monitor the weather and switch off amusements or deflate inflatables if there are high winds or rain. The wind speed rating of the amusement will vary depending on the ride being used.
- In instances of extreme heat, inflatables should be closed to prevent heat burns.
- Work out how lines will be controlled and tickets sold and collected; will this be managed by your team or the ride operator? Clarify this with the supplier in advance of the event.
- Find out the recommended number of patrons that can use the ride at the same time, and monitor this on the day.
- It is good practice to select a supplier that is a member of the Australian Amusements Association.
- Ultimately everything that happens on your event site is your responsibility. Keep an eye on your contractors; make sure you supervise any works to ensure compliance during the set-up, event and pack-down process; and have adequate first aid trained personnel and supplies available.

Location, Location, Location!

You will need to prepare a site plan which shows the location of all temporary infrastructure including amusement rides, jumping castles and inflatables and marquees.

Top Tip

If you are unsure of your supplier, you can contact Work Safe Victoria via www.worksafe.vic.gov.au.



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