

# INFLATABLE AMUSEMENT SAFETY CHECKLIST

This form was developed to assist school districts in evaluating the fundamental risk management and safety issues posed by using inflatable amusements known by various names such as "Bounce House", Moon Bounce" and similar terms. Any air-filled structure designed for interactive play including bouncing, climbing and sliding typically meet the definition of an inflatable ride. There are significant risks posed by operating an inflatable ride, even if it is rented from a commercial vendor. Carefully review all operational control measures before and during any planned event utilizing an inflatable.

**Directions:** If no deficiency is found, check **OK**. If a deficiency is noted, check **NO**. Checking **NO** requires explanation in the Notes section at the end of the checklist including what is wrong and corrective action needed. If an item is not applicable check the **NA** column.

District/School: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspected by: \_\_\_\_\_ Submitted to: \_\_\_\_\_

- | <b>OK</b>                | <b>NO</b>                | <b>NA</b>                | <b>A. Regulatory and Risk Management Considerations</b>                                  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Inflatable is commercial-grade quality  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Inflatable is on NJDCA approved list or approved engineering review                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Inflatable has been properly permitted and inspected by NJDCA                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Certificate of Insurance obtained from rental company with adequate limits (\$1M min) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Hold Harmless agreement and Additional Insured is obtained                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Contract with rental company does not waive or negatively shift liability to district |

- | <b>OK</b>                | <b>NO</b>                | <b>NA</b>                | <b>B. Site Considerations</b>  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Area is flat and free of excess debris such as rocks, branches, trash, etc.           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Ground slope no more than 5 degrees and not near any nuisance exposures               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Tarp placed under ride if on gravel or if recommended by manufacturer                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. There are no overhead obstructions such as electric lines, trees, towers, roofs, etc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Area is suitable for proper anchoring of inflatable                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Blower unit(s) can be placed away from public access in safe location                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. Power and extension cords can be placed away from paths of travel                     |

- | <b>OK</b>                | <b>NO</b>                | <b>NA</b>                | <b>C. Set Up Considerations</b>   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Set up is being conducted by rental company or experienced personnel         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Anchoring method satisfactory and in accordance with manufacturer guidelines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. All ropes, stakes, clips and tie downs in good condition                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Receptacle is GFCI protected and proper amperage to support blower           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Power and extension cords are proper size and free of defects                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Blower securely attached and properly guarded                                |

- | <b>OK</b>                | <b>NO</b>                | <b>NA</b>                | <b>D. Operational Safety</b>  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Rental company supplied trained operators or provided documented training to staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. All ride operators are over the age of 16 and monitoring only one ride at a time   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Ride is visually inspected prior to use with no visible defects                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Ride is kept deflated until ready for use  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Emergency procedures are in place for weather, loss of power and injuries          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Wind speeds are below manufacturer maximum   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. Communication system in place for emergencies, 911, lightning, wind, rain, etc.    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. Warning signage posted that meets N.J.A.C. 5:14A-9.34 and include "NO FLIPS"       |

