SAFETY ALERT Amusement Devices



On 1 May 2019 The Work Health and Safety Regulations amendments in relation to <u>Amusement Devices</u> will commence.

In general, our locations may hire an inflatable device e.g. jumping castle which is covered under this regulation, however

ownership of such a device incurs specific responsibilities to meet the compliance requirements.

## What is an Amusement Device?

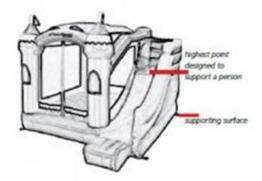
amusement device means a device (reference WHS Act Definitions)

(a)used for commercial purposes; and

- (b)used or designed to be used for amusement, games, recreation, sightseeing or entertainment,
- and on which persons may be carried, raised, lowered or supported by any part of the device
- (including, for example, any car, carriage, platform, cage, boat, plank, chair, seat or thing) while the part of the device is in motion.

## Inflatable amusement devices

Only inflatable devices that are continuously blown and have a platform height of **3m or more** need to be **registered** with WorkSafe Qld Measuring Platform Height



## What are the key changes?

- Annual detailed inspection by competent person
  - Inspection of an inflatable device, that is continuously blown, with a platform height less than 9m requires

a competent person to have the knowledge and skills to inspect the plant gained through training, qualification or experience

- Inspection where the platform height is more than 9m requires the competent person to be registered as a professional engineers
- o Electrical installations to be inspected by an electrician
- Storage -avoid corrosion from moisture
- Mandatory major inspection every 10 years by competent person

## What does it mean for our locations?

If you are the owner of the device, then follow the prescribed regulation requirements in relation to:

Registration

- Inspections
- Storage
- Documentation e.g. log books
- Competent person
- Training

If you hire such a device, then be aware of the required responsibilities of the owner and operator e.g.

- Evidence of inspection and maintenance, log books, +/- WorkSafe Registration
- Their competency and training

A Generic Safe Work Method Statement (SWMS) has also been developed by Qld Synod to assist locations to be aware of potential risks and how they can be managed <u>(attached)</u>. Please call if you require clarification

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