

## Amusement Devices

### Who needs to read this?

All event organisers holding events on Curtin University lands or on behalf of Curtin University at other sites

### Background

This guide outlines regulations and precautions related to the utilisation of inflatable and mechanically operated amusement devices on the Curtin University campus.

### Information

#### Inflatable Amusement Structures

An 'inflatable amusement structure' refers to any air-filled, flexible entity designed for interactive entertainment, requiring constant air pressure to sustain its form. This category includes bouncy castles, specific types of water slides, and zorb balls, among others. Inflatables intended solely for display and not for interactive use are exempt from this definition. A 'zorb ball' is a large, inflatable, flexible plastic sphere that a person can climb into, sometimes with their legs exposed.

Recent tragic events, such as the incident in Tasmania in December 2021 involving airborne inflatable structures, underscore the significant risks these devices can pose. Consequently, a ban on all inflatable amusement structures is currently in effect.

#### Amusement device

##### Machines for Public Use:

- Designed for entertainment through mechanical movement.
- May involve user movement or machine parts.

##### Pre-Event Requirements:

- Approval from Curtin University Parks and Gardens.
- Plant registration certificate.
- Personnel training records for the specific device.
- Risk assessment covering aspects such as transport, installation, and maintenance requirements.

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On-Site Documentation (to be made available on request)

- Logbook for the device.
- Operating manual.
- Inspection, testing, and maintenance records.
- Emergency Plan.

Checks to be completed without passengers:

- Pre-operational safety checks for components and features.
- Follow manufacturer's guidelines for start-up, operation, and shutdown.
- Ensure safe device control (speed, noise, emergency controls).
- Manage safe access, placement, and security for patrons.
- Provide safety barriers and instructions to patrons.
- Ensure safe exit from the device.
- Appropriately weighted without the use of pegs

## Key Messages

For the safety of all staff, students, visitors and contractors, Curtin University does not permit inflatable amusement devices on campus. Where event organisers would like to use other amusement devices for events the processes outlined above are required to be strictly adhered to.

## Who do you call with questions?

If you have any queries, please contact Health and Safety on 9266 4900 or email [healthandsafety@curtin.edu.au](mailto:healthandsafety@curtin.edu.au).

## References

[Guide for Amusements Devices](#) - Work Safe

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