# **Children's Inflatable** "Safety / Training" Information ...

1560 Hwy. 1 South / MLK Blvd. Greenville, MS. 38701, phone; (662) 335-3535 store hours; 7:00 am - 5:30 pm Monday thru Friday, 7:00 am - 11:00 am Saturdays store email; trcgreenville@gmail.com, web site; taylorrentalgreenville.com

Like anything else at our location, each and every piece of equipment is potentially dangerous! The same applies to our amusement equipment; jumps, slides, inter-actives, etc.! Be aware that you can be doing everything right and still get hurt, severely injured or worse death, so please take a few moments to go over the safety training information printed below. This is a list of recommendations from inflatable manufacturers, industry experts, state safety inspectors, our staff, customers, print articles, insurance companies, etc.). Help us lessen the potential chances of accident and injury! Do not use until;

(1.) You have read, understood and signed the "TRC Store Contract" and our separate "Safety / Training Info Sheet"! (2.) You have been verbally reviewed (at the front sales counter or on site) and been instructed from the "Safety / Training

Info Sheet"! (3.) You have "any" questions on "implementation or safe use" of this equipment!

#### A. SUPERVISION and INSTRUCTIONS:

Always have "ADULT SUPERVISION", a person or persons who are constantly watching the children with their "full and undivided attention"! ASTM (the governing body for safety inflatables) defines "Adult" as someone at least 18-years of age with a valid ID. However, we would like to suggest a responsible 21-year or older person, to perform this important job. Individuals with a vested interest. Our Safety and Operating sheet is outlined in a four page section with the fifth page being a signature page. Make sure all PARTICIPANTS HAVE READ the INSTRUCTIONS on the inflatable and safety sheet AND HAVE THEM EXPLAINED TO by an adult who has been instructed by TRC before allowing use! Remember, "SAFETY STARTS with YOU"! Please make sure everyone takes your lead.

#### B. AGE, NUMBER and SIZE RESTRICTIONS; \* (please mark or check item(s) section - which pertain to customer)

NOTE: Minimum Height Restrictions; We recommend the "JUMP" participants should be at least 34" in height, the "DRY/WET SLIDES" should be 38" and the "OBSTACLE COURSE" should be 42". However, always take into consideration the child's physical and mental capabilities when making any determination as to their abilities to use each type unit. 

JUMPS; To help lessen the chances of injuries; ... do not allow children of different heights, weights and age levels to jump together. Unevenly matched children can cause injury to themselves or other children. When letting "Young children" ages; (5 to 8), allow two to three to jump together. "Middle size children, ages; (9 to 12), allow one to two! "Older children", ages; (13 to 16), allow "one child" to jump at a time! These figures can always be reduced depending on the heights, weights and skill levels of the "children" and the comfort level of the person or persons supervising! \*\* "DO NOT OVERLOAD", "Exceeding these recommended number restrictions" can cause injury and damages. 

#### SLIDES;

Fold arms across chest and slide feet first. Keep landing areas clear, do not allow participants to land on one another) "DRY" Use 2-trained operators (Young ages (5-8 year olds); one stationed at the top, one at the bottom of slide.

For the (Medium aged group (9-12 year olds); only require one operator at the bottom.

"ONE-LANE" models; Never allow more than 1-child on these at any one time! Do not use with "water" "TWO-LANE" models; Use only with the "2.0-hp blower"! It is a green blower, distinguishable by a "red ring" sleeve collar around the air discharge chute! Never allow more than "2-children" (small or medium) on this unit at any one time! Limit weight to 200 lbs. at top. Never use with "water", this will create a very dangerous situation!

"WET" "ONE-LANE" models; "AQUA TUNNEL"; Allow only "one child" at a time! "TWO-LANE" models; "BLUE MONSTER"; Allow only "two children" (small or medium age) at a time! If the "children" are 15-years or older or individuals are over 180 lbs., reduce to "one child"! Go up the steps one at a time.

> WARNING; If more people are allowed on the slides on either the "dry" or "wet" slides, (see capacity number recommendations underlined on each type above), the top can become "dangerously unstable" and may topple over! Never allow children to lean over the sides or climb where there are no pathways! Make sure person sliding has cleared before the next person is allowed to slide!

INTER-ACTIVES; (Obstacle Course) one per side. No participants (on inflatables) if they exceed 6'0" height and/or 180 lbs.!

#### C. LOADING / UNLOADING RESTRICTIONS;

Do not attempt to lift or move any of these inflatables alone, severe injury will result. This is best handled by several "able body" persons when unloading or loading. It is always best to use your vehicle or trailer to get as close to the loading/unloading INFLATABLE "SAFETY / TRAINING" INSTRUCTIONS ... PAGE 1 of 5

site as possible. Use care when handling and transporting (avoid potential binds, chafing, rubbing, snags, sharp edges, etc.! <u>Avoid costly charges</u>; "<u>DO NOT DRAG</u>" the Inflatables under any circumstances! If you can not get to your event area;

- 1. Schedule TRC to come out (for a fee) and place or pick-up the inflatable. This is best done prior to the event!
- 2. TRC has "HAND TRUCKS" (starting at \$12.00 for 4-hours or \$17.00 per day/wknd) that may help move heavy units in specific situations where the ground is dry and supportive. For heavier units such our <u>Obstacle Course and Dry /</u> Wet Slides a "HYDRAULIC LIFT TRAILER" (\$45.00 per day or weekend) (uses 2 5/16" trailer ball) may be a solution.
- 3. On short distances, you may be able to simply engage more people to lift and carry the (non-inflated) inflatable to your destination. Always be aware of the weight of the particular inflatable you're using and the capabilities of the persons lifting. Never Attempt to move an "Inflated" Inflatable!

NOTE; approximate inflatable weight - lbs., and (blower sizes - hp);					
<u>Jumps;</u>					
Batman; 295 (1.0)	Beagle; 245 (1.0)	Bear; 245 (1.0)	Carousel; 350 (1.0)		
Castle; 238 (1.0)	Clown; 210 (1.0)	Crayonland; 218 (1.0)	Dinosaur; 226 (1.0)		
Disney Princess;	Fire Truck; 238 (1.0)	Ice Cream Truck; 258 (1.0)	Justice League; 268 (1.0)		
368 (1.0)	Party Pig; 240 (1.0)	Princess Carriage; 405 (1.5)	Skid Loader; 440 (1.0)		
Mickey; 295 (1.0)	Sponge Bob; 268 (1.0)	Stagecoach; 405 (1.5)	Tiger; 245 (1.0)		
UFO; 295 (1.0)	World of Disney; 268 (1	1.0)			
Obstacle Course;					
(part A); (everything except the side) 350 (1.5) (part B); (climbing wall / slide portion) 538 (1.5)					
Slides:					
Dry; 1-Lane; 572 (2.0), 2-Lane; 600 (2.0) Wet; Aqua Tunnel; dry 350 (1.5), Blue Monster; dry 478 (1.5)					

- 4. When preparing "Wet Slides" for packing and loading;
  - a. Remove all individuals from the slide before disconnecting the power.
  - b. Allow the slide to deflate, so that you may disconnect water hose from the slide.
  - c. Remove water hose, re-inflate slide and briefly rinse grass, mud or any debris off slide surface.
  - d. Allow "air blower" to continue to operate for a least a half hour (this will help to dissipate some of the water from the slide... water weights approximately 8.35 lbs., per gallon and can add sufficient weight to the unit)! Never wet "Dry Slides". Everything becomes slippery ... potential injuries and costly damages can result!

#### D. LAYOUT RESTRICTIONS & SET UP;

Inspect the layout area thoroughly for "ANY and ALL" hazards... (avoid setting up over or under).

- 1. "Overhead" for electrical lines (35' spacing distance), wires, tree branches / limbs, house / building eaves, etc.!
- 2. "Ground Area" for surface debris; blocks, bricks, glass, rocks, sticks, wire, etc.! Remember we ask that all participants use the inflatables without their shoes (safety issues). Chance are they will be exiting and entering without them also, so please inspect your ground area closely for foreign objects.
- 3. "Underground", check for power lines, gas lines, fiber-optic lines, water lines, sprinkler lines / heads, etc. The underground check is best left to the professionals ... call a locator service (commonly referred to as one-call

service) several days prior to your event, please use the following;

- NOTE; All states in our area have a "UNDERGROUND DAMAGE PREVENTION LAW". This free locator service should be utilized for; "SAFETY, LIABILITY and COMPLIANCE with State Laws! To be in compliance, please call the appropriate agency in the state you will be using the equipment. In Mississippi; call 811 or (800) 227-6477, Arkansas; (800) 482-8998 and Louisiana; (800) 272-3020!
   \*\* To Speed the Process, please be ready to answer the following questions;
  - 1.) Telephone with area code first, 2.) First & last name; ... if it is for a homeowner or if it's for a company; (name and contact person), 3.) Type of work; (Inflatable Jump / Slide Stake Installation to 30" depth), 4.) What county, 5.) What city, 6.) Address of location, 7.) Nearest intersection,
  - 8.) Direction & Distance from intersection; (NSEW feet), 9.) Where on property, 10.) Explosives; (No),
  - 11.) White markings indicating site area, 12.) Directional Boring being done; (No),
  - 13.) Work being done for (Your Name), 14.) How long will work take.

OUTDOOR USE; When setting up on the grass or hard surfaces ... Complete the site inspection for hazards. Unfold and stretch the protective vinyl liner (some liners are built into the inflatables) over the designated area. Repeat with the inflatable. Air the inflatable up, hose to air blower should be straight and all panel sections should be zippered close. Stake the corners of the unit and mid-sections (only use TRC stakes - see below). Anchor ropes should be pulled and tethered at least 4' from the unit. Use only specified tie-down locations on the unit!

Drive the 30" to 42" length stakes at least 70% in the ground (always use safety glasses when driving stakes - make sure there are no hazards under the ground; electrical, fiber-optic, gas, gas pipelines or water lines)! This helps minimize the inflatable's "sideway" movement and add stability! It will also help avoid damage caused by rubbing unit into stakes!
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NOTE; Because ground conditions are not the same, we use a (1 1/4" diameter) tent stake for added protection! To maximize the holding potential of each stake, we ask that these stakes be driven into firm, fairly dry ground. Please be aware that ground that has been highly saturated with water will have a substantially lower holding potential for stakes and should be discouraged from use. Stake Usage:

- 30" Length Metal Stakes; TRC provides 4x with the following inflatables; Batman, Beagle, Bear, Carousel, Castle, Clown, Dinosaur, Fire Truck, Ice Cream Truck, Mickey, Party Pig, Skid Loader and Tiger. If you have been provided with a shorter stake or fewer than 4x stakes, please stop and contact TRC immediately! Stake should be driven to 21" depth.
- 42" Length Metal Stakes; TRC provides 6x with the following inflatables; Obstacle Course, both Dry Slides and the Aqua Tunnel Slide (Wet Slide). The Blue Monster (Wet Slide) requires 7x stakes. If you have been provided with shorter stake(s) or fewer than 6x or 7x stakes (depending on the type of inflatable), please stop and contact TRC immediately! Stake should be driven to 30" depth.
- INDOOR USE: Inspect for hazards ... perimeter clearances (height and sides), as well as inflatable entrances, landings, children's footing (slippery surfaces), extension cords, placement routes, etc.! When substituting ground tie-down stakes, use sandbags, weighted barrels or metal weights for indoors use! Each tie-down positions; for jumps; 300 lbs., (per tie down position) for slides, 500 lbs. (per tie down position) on either (1 or 2-lane) dry slides or The Blue Monster (wet slide)! Straighten the air sleeve, attach sleeve to blower, check zippered air pockets and inflate. Secure and tether all corners and mid-section with weights. Tighten with attached straps and inflate.

Always leave a 20' perimeter around the inflatable. Never allow children to play on under-inflated jumps, slides or interactive units or while these items are being inflated or deflated! If blower should cut-off, exit the inflatable immediately! E. POWER (ELECTRICAL) RESTRICTIONS:

Before using, make sure the electrical outlet is capable of carrying a 20-amp load! When using an inflatable with more than 1x - blower (obstacle course), blowers should be on separate circuits! Only use the TRC's "UL listed" 12/3-gauge, "outdoor-rated", red 50-foot extension cord! Using smaller gauge cords (14 or 16-gauge) or additional lengths will cause damage and also major safety concerns! Never use a damaged extension cord; ground pin broken, cord jacket bruised or cut or if the cord does not have the originally attached molded (sealed to cord) plug ends (replacement ends are not acceptable)! TRC also provides a Ground Fault Interrupter (GFI). It should always be plugged into the electrical source (at the electrical receptacle) with the extension cord following! Do not use any electrical equipment on or near wet surfaces! If a generator is to be used as the power source, use at least one with a rated (continuous) capacity of 3,000 watts or more (for one blower). Use a 4,500 watt or more unit when running two blowers and remember to plug the cords into separate circuit breakers. Please make sure that the blowers are plugged into 110 or 120-volt electrical outlets (normally a 20-amp breaker) and there should not be anything else plugged into the circuit breaker. To help avoid "deadly carbon monoxide exhaust", place generator (downwind of the inflatable) at least 40-feet away from the inflatable. Make sure the exhaust fumes from the engine are pointed away from the play area! Never place a generator indoors or in an area where the exhaust fumes cannot be properly ventilated properly. Failure to inadequately ventilate a gas or diesel powered generator can cause "deadly carbon monoxide poisoning"! Restrict all children from the electrical power cords and/or generator area.

F. ADDITIONAL SAFETY ITEMS AVAILABLE; TRC now stocks a "power alert" safety device. Available at a nominal fee, this device, know as a "Watchdog", connects and monitors the air blower and extension cord. If it becomes unplugged or if you have an electrical interruption, it will alert you with a 120-decibel alarm. This is an ideal monitor, especially when dealing with small children. This is not required by the industry or states in our area at this time but we feel this a good safety device. Instruction for use; 1. Connect the blower - plug the extension cord and blower power cord into the base of the Watchdog. 2. Arm the siren - once the power is connected, press the red button at the base of the Watchdog. The siren will "chirp", letting you know that it is armed and is on duty.

## G. OTHER USE RESTRICTIONS & REQUIREMENTS;

#### 1. STATE GOVERNMENT REQUIREMENTS;

If using in the State of Arkansas for public events, such as; church functions, town fairs, etc., please inform TRC prior to the rental! The "State of Arkansas" has certain restrictions that have to be met by TRC in order to be in compliance with the state. Failure to notify us of these type events can have huge ramifications. If we do not adequately prepare for their requirements, costly added charges may result as well as the event may be shut down by their state agency!

#### 2. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS;

- a. Participants should be physically and mentally fit! They should not be under the active care of a physician, under the influence of medicine, alcohol or altering drugs!
- b. Remove shoes, eveglasses, jewelry, pencils/pens, all sharp objects from participants or items in their pockets! Shoe removal will help to protect any other participants from injury when jumping. On the slides, again by removing it helps keep the shoe soles from catching the feet or ankles during use.
- c. Do not eat, drink, chew candy or gum, etc., while participating on an inflatable unit! ... (if an object or objects INFLATABLE "SAFETY / TRAINING" INSTRUCTIONS ... PAGE 3 PAGE 3 of 5

becomes lodged in a child's throat, it can cause suffocation!)

- d. Participants should not have any open cuts or lacerations, if anyone become ill or is found to be bleeding, stop immediately, clear the unit of all participants! The inflatable must be disinfected before operating! Use disinfectant / sanitizers that are approved as bactericidal, fungicidal, virucidal, algaecide and deodorizers!)
- e. <u>Warm or Hot Weather Use</u>; monitor children for "dehydration" during their play activity. Make sure they take schedule rest breaks and drink plenty of fluids periodically during these times.
- f. If any child sustains injuries while playing on our inflatables, stop and contact TRC as quickly as possible; (662) 335-3535, after hours; (662) 822-1907 or (662) 822-1909.

#### 3. ADDITIONAL USER RESTRICTIONS;

- a. These inflatables are meant to be used by themselves. Do not use with any other additional items such as decks, platforms, ramps, supports, swimming pools, etc., or any other similar products that might modify your experience.
- b. Only use the designated "Wet Slides" with water! Never add any substances to any inflatables that may decrease footing or traction or that may decrease the resistance on the dry or wet slides or the obstacle course. This would also include the use of "polishes, soaps, waxes or other foreign substances" on surface areas of any inflatables!
- c. Avoid setting-up (jumps or slides), under a "weeping" or "sap producing" pecan trees, willows trees, etc! Avoid use of silly string or similar products. This will require TRC to spend additional cleanup time and will be charged back!
- d. Never get on an under-inflated jump, slide, etc. Remove all children from the units prior to "inflating" and "deflating".
  e. Do not allow children to climb; columns, sides, tops, etc.! Avoid safety net contact. Hanging or holding on to netting
- can cause safety issues; such as finger, hand or arm injuries as well as causing potential "damage" to the inflatable!
   f. Make sure children enter/exit all inflatables safety, if there is any question in regard to this, post an adult at that spot.
- g. Never allow swinging from any parts of the inflatable, especially the basketball rims. The potential for injury and damage will significantly increase if this is allowed.
- h. On all "Dry and Wet" Slides, we ask that you not run down or slide backwards! Never allow diving, flips, jumping, pushing, rough-house play, tumbersaults or wrestling, etc., on these units!
- i. All Jumps, Dry Slides and Obstacle Course are intended for "dry" use only! Using these with water or lubricants can make the vinyl "extremely slippery". This can contribute to personal injury and lead to serious vinyl problems.
- j. Never use "damaged" or "mal-functioning" equipment, stop immediate use, disconnect blower and call TRC! Never attempt alterations, modifications or repairs! These inflatables are manufactured strictly for amusement purposes only! They are not to be used as air lift devices, landing or cushion areas or for any other means other than what the manufacture has intended!
- k. Avoid or Discontinue Use when weather conditions dictate; wind gust exceeding 15-mph (swaying tree tops are generally a good indicators) or if lightening, thunder, rain, etc., are eminent! Unplug blower, extension cord and GFI (ground fault-interrupter) and remove from conditions. Fold unit up and cover. Resume when weather improves and
  - When the inflatable can be "dried off" (excluding wet slides) and the units "can remain dry" during use and ...
     When "ALL" electrical outlets, plugs, cords, ground-fault interrupters (GFI's), air blowers, etc., (for any unit) can remain dry and unaffected by the weather! Remember to handle with dry hands.
- I. Always inspect inflatable (inside & out) during initial inflation /re-inflations; after delays, stoppages, overnight, etc.

#### H. OVERTIME CHARGES;

TRC allows <u>"8.0 blower hours</u>" (running time) use per day rate (24-hours) or on the weekend rentals (Saturday to Monday). <u>Please check the blower hour meter closely before leaving our premises</u>. If there is a discrepancy, go back to the "front counter" before you leave. Any overtime charges (additional motor time beyond the allotted 8.0-hours) will be charged to customer (divide day rate by 1/8 of day rental to get per hour cost, add tax) and accessed at the conclusion of the rental.

### I. CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES;

- **INSPECTION & UNDERSTANDING**; Prior to leaving our premises or our delivery personnel leaving, we encourage you to inspect the blower, the GFI interrupter, the hour meter, extension cord and inflatable. If you have any questions or concerns, please voice them. Never use "ANY" equipment in doubt! Remember the hour meter should always agree with the (TRC) contract. If there are any irregularities, stop and reconcile with the front counter immediately!
- LOCATION PERMISSION; Before use... it is the responsibility of the customer to get the proper paperwork filled out on any inflatables being used in a "municipality", be it city, county, state or federal properties! Please take the time to consult with them and get "ANY an ALL" paperwork and requirements performed prior to the event. Doing so may keep you (the customer) from being in non-compliance, delayed or being shutdown, etc.! It is also a good idea to request written permission for use on "private" property, as well as access routes (if needed), as an added precaution.

SAFE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS EQUIPMENT; The Customer is responsible for the safe implementation and administering use of this equipment! That "all participants" be fully instructed on the proper and safe use of this equipment, prior to use! Never use damaged or mal-functioning equipment, stop and call TRC immediately! Customer is expected to be responsible for the safe use and safe keeping, including the physical care of rental items... or until returned to store location (by customer) or until pick-up by TRC's uniformed service personnel! "Deliveries" and "pick-ups" are priced separate and are "best schedule and priced prior to event"! Call for pricing. Try to avoid last minute pick-ups!

#### **CUSTOMER RESPONSIBLITIES;**

I have read the "<u>four preceding pages</u>" of the TRC Safety / Training information On "<u>inflatables</u>" and accessory equipment. I fully understand both the "print material" as well as the "verbal instructions" I have been given from TRC! I am aware that I can be doing everything right and still get hurt and I have taken the time to read and comprehend this information. I also agree to "<u>faithfully abide by these restrictions</u> <u>and guidelines</u>" to help reduce the chances of accident or injury to any participants using this equipment! I also "<u>agree to be responsible for the equipment</u>" until " it has been returned" to the (TRC) store location at 1560 Hwy. 1 South / MLK Blvd., in Greenville, or (if I have previously arranged with TRC) <u>until their uniformed driver</u> <u>arrives for pick-up</u>. It should be returned …"<u>as specified" by the rental contract</u> <u>agreement</u>, during our business hours (7:00 am to 5:30 pm weekdays, 7:00 am to 11:00 am on Saturdays by you (the customer) or it is "picked-up" by Taylor Rental!

\* After hour Deliveries or Pick-Ups ... will incur additional charges for these services as will non-scheduled request for Pick-Ups.

#### JOB LOCATION;

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\*\*\*\* Please be informed that <u>if you are using this equipment "in ARKANSAS", please inform us immediately</u>, so that we (TRC) may meet their "operating restrictions" for inflatables for (commercial applications) town or school fairs, carnivals, fund raisers, business, etc.! Private (at home) parties or events are not included (at this time) by the state of Arkansas under this provision. Failure to properly address this issue (commercial applications) could result in the equipment being "shut down" by the State of Arkansas, as well as costly fines. Avoid additional costly charge backs to our customers from TRC and / or a denial of rental from TRC! We keep file copies of the Administrative Regulations of the Arkansas Amusement Ride and Amusement Attraction Safety Insurance Act for your inspection and use!

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	city and state;	
	inflatable certificate number (s);	
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	**** informed amusement ride inspector; (TRC will notify)	
	(501) 682-9091 or (501) 690-8774	
	Informed date;, time; am/pm,	
	for use on date;, time; am/pm.	
	inspectors name;	
	TRC rep calling;	
JSTOMER	SIGNATURE; (and/or RESPONSIBILITY PARTY)	
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	(please sign with a legible signature)	
	PLEASE ATTACH THIS PAGE TO THE CUSTOMER'S RENTAL CONTRACT	
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