Dear inflatable play equipment owner/recreational facility manager,

Following the tragic fatality involving a child and an inflatable amusement device in Norfolk on Sunday 1st July 2018, and a further incident on an inflatable slide at Woking on 3rd November, where ten children were injured and taken to hospital, the HSE has published revised guidance for industry stakeholders and operators of inflatable equipment.

The guidance describes various factors that can contribute to accidents involving bouncy castles and similar bouncing devices and the precautions that should be taken to avoid them.

Local Authorities have been asked to raise awareness of the revised guidance and of the correct standards.  The revised inflatables guidance can be found here: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/entertainment/fairgrounds/inflatables.htm>

You must ensure that you review your equipment, set up and operation practices in line with this guidance. A self-assessment checklist has also been prepared for your use which provides further guidance on specific matters relating to:

* Correct anchorage
* Structural integrity/pressure
* Arrangements for measuring wind speed
* Safe operation and supervision of users
* Examination, inspection and maintenance

Event organisers and venue managers may also expect you to provide evidence that the inflatables you supply comply with the BS EN 14960:2013 and are regularly inspected and maintained and can be used safely.

If you have any further queries please don’t hesitate to contact the Health & Safety team using the contact details below.

Yours Sincerely

[Officer]

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[Contact details]

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