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## Inflatable Amusement Devices

### Legal information

Inflatable Amusement devices like bouncy castles need to be licensed under the [Amusement Devices Safety Act](#).

#### Certificate of competency

An inflatable amusement business is required to employ a person who holds a restricted certificate of competency for amusement devices to facilitate operations and daily inspections.

- **Section 6 of the Amusement Devices Safety Act**  
*No person shall inspect an amusement device or structure who does not hold a certificate of competency under this Act.*

#### Definition

Air-supported structure—an amusement device that incorporates a structural and mechanical system and employs a high-strength fabric or film that achieves its strength, shape, and stability by pre-tensioning with internal air pressure, all of which are intended to provide an enclosed area for the enjoyment of those within.

### Summary

The Inflatable amusement devices industry has been flourishing and continues to pop up at public events, fairs, and homes as rentals for birthday parties or other special events.

The following safety regulations and guidelines are in place on inflatable devices, like bouncy castles, set up for public functions or rented for residential parties, and are **regulated** in Nova Scotia by the Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration, through the [Amusement Devices Safety Act](#).



## Public Information for residents and renters of inflatable devices:

1. All inflatable rides erected in a public space or rented for private functions are regulated in Nova Scotia by the Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration.
2. The set up of an Inflatable device must be checked by a registered inflatable mechanic. Inflatable devices must be supervised by an operator. The registered mechanic shall train operators to be aware of the potential ride hazards.
3. Registered Inflatable contractors require a minimum insurance of \$1 million.
4. Contractors and each inflatable device are required to be registered with the Province of Nova Scotia. [See list of registered contractors.](#)
5. All commercial Inflatable rides can be identified by the Nova Scotia Amusement Device (AD) number. Operators are issued an annual license for each inflatable ride.

## Inflatable owners and mechanics:

1. The operation of inflatable devices requires mandatory training, this training is available online by contacting [ela@novascotia.ca](mailto:ela@novascotia.ca)
2. All inflatable amusements require a daily safety check by a certified mechanic for each day an inflatable ride is in operation. The [Inflatable Amusement Device Checklists](#) must be kept on file, along with the manufacture's manual and instructions.
3. All inflatable rides in Nova Scotia must be registered with the Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration, and receive a unique identifying Amusement device (AD) number. Inflatable Ride Registration form. [Inflatable Rides Registration Form](#)
4. An annual license is issued once the pre-season checklist is submitted along with proof of insurance to [ela@novascotia.ca](mailto:ela@novascotia.ca)

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