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## **An Important Reminder from IIPG ...**

A Reminder ... You are a member of the Inflation Industry Purchasing Group, a nonprofit membership organization formed to bring fair and reasonable insurance protection to its members. We also support implementation of safety, industry standards and risk management practices for businesses engaged in the Inflation Play Structure industry.

To achieve the lowest possible insurance costs and the best possible safety record for the industry, it is important to put in place and maintain a system of best practices. We are providing a few basic forms to help you get started or to use to evaluate your current practices.

Overall safety begins with high quality product design and manufacturing in compliance with standards that have been set for the industry by ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, PO Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959 ... phone 610.832.9585. The standard is referenced as ASTM Designation: F2374-xx. The standard also addresses best practices for operation and use of Inflation Play Structures. You can contact ASTM to purchase a copy of the standard. You can view the standard at: <http://www.dps.state.la.us/sfm/index.htm>

## **What Every Inflation Operator Has to Know:**

### **Every Day**

Every company, regardless of size, must have documented steps that spell out their standard operating procedures which include the following:

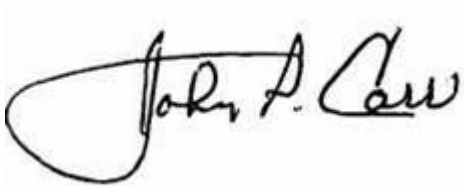
- **Inspection and Maintenance Documentation** on each unit, as well as blowers, electrical cords and other auxiliary equipment. (Samples available at [www.insuremybounce.com](http://www.insuremybounce.com) Click links for Samples.)
- **Written and signed rental agreements** that include safe operating instructions in bold print and include an effective **Hold Harmless** and **Waiver of Liability** provision(s).
- **Units should be setup by knowledgeable and experienced people.** Many of the more serious incidents and injuries result from not properly anchoring or securing a unit on an appropriate surface.
- **Clear WARNING statements** on every unit and in written documents signed by the customer regarding weather conditions (wind and rain), forbidding flips or acrobatic moves and specifying the maximum capacity by weight and number of participants.

- Other product specific warnings and safety procedures must be provided and documented as appropriate and in accordance with Manufacturer's recommendations.

## In Case of an Injury/Emergency

[There are 4 key steps to take in the event of an incident. You have one chance to get this right-- so learn them today! Click here to get the facts! Spread the word to your staff!](#)

Good products in the hands of safe operators will keep accidents and injuries to a minimum and good record keeping will help companies defend themselves when claims do arise. **Have a Very Successful & Safe Operating Season!**



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### **ABOUT THE INFLATABLE INDUSTRY PURCHASING GROUP, INC. (IIPG)**

Licensed in 48 states, IIPG was founded by John P. Carr, whose company CSI Insurance has served the needs of rental companies since 1997. Finding no worthy insurance coverage for customers in the inflatable amusement market, Carr made providing a long-term solution a matter of deep conviction. By operating as a non-profit alliance IIPG provides member companies with a strong advocate that represents the demands of the entire industry while negotiating for each member individually. Our members are **Never Alone**.<sup>SM</sup>