



Consideration for use of Bounce Houses or Moonwalks

Many nonprofit organizations own or operate inflatable specialty amusements like Bounce Houses or Moonwalk. This document outlines topics to be considered when deciding to make this product and activity part of your organization's operation.

Initial Considerations:

- All products whether purchased or leased should come from a reputable vendor and be in safe operating condition
- Organizations should ensure that their liability (and property) insurance policy covers this type of activity
- Inflatables should be set-up in an area that is appropriate for its use and during weather conditions that provide for the safe operation of the product
- Manufacturer's recommendations for use and operation should be followed
- Contracts and use agreements should only be signed by an authorized representative of the organization
- Contracts and use agreements should be reviewed by legal counsel

Operations:

- Supervision should be provided
- Safety rules should be communicated and enforced (see sample)
- Parental permission (and waiver) should be provided for all youth participants
- Age guidelines should be developed and implemented (see sample)
- The number of users should be controlled to prevent injuries (see sample)
- Product should not be used in high winds, during lightning/thunder storms or other hazardous weather conditions
- Activity should be discontinued if product becomes wet or otherwise slippery
- Product should be inspected prior to each use with the results documented

Participation:

- Age and developmental groupings are encouraged and should be established
- Size of the product will dictate number of participants; follow manufacturer's guidelines when available (see sample)
- Entry (participation) limits should be enforced (see sample)

Set-up:

- Product should be set-up on a flat space
- There should be adequate access around the exterior of the product to allow for proper supervision and egress
- Product should not be set-up under trees and/or utilities
- Access to a GFI protected electrical outlet should be available

Sample Safety Rules:

1. Supervision is required at all times.
2. Only compatible age groups and sizes shall play on the inflatable at the same time.
3. All participants must remove shoes, glasses and loose jewelry before playing in the inflatable.
4. Pregnant women, individuals with pre-existing injuries, and others susceptible to injury from falls, bumps or bouncing are not permitted in or on the inflatable unit at any time.
5. Improper use of the inflatable includes flipping in the air, wrestling, and riders piling on themselves. Such activity may result in neck and back injuries to riders.
6. Youth age 3 years and young may not participate.
7. Youth over age 12 years may not participate.
8. Do not exceed the maximum ride capacity at any time.
9. Operators will show you how.
10. Follow all posted safety rules at all times.
11. Flips and somersaults are not allowed.

The information contained in this document is for illustrative purposes only and should not be construed as strict recommendations for operations of inflatable amusement devices. Proper supervision, use guidelines and safe operation of such devices is the responsibility of the owner/operator. Manufacturer recommendations should be followed at all times.

Sample

MOONWALK SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Inflatables should not be operated if winds exceed 25 mph or if stormy conditions are present. In case of rain, turn off the blower(s), deflate and fold the inflatable, and cover it with the tarp. Place blower(s) in a covered area.
2. An operator must be present at any time the inflatable is in operation.
3. The operator must remain in control of the inflatable at all times.
4. If the inflatable is in operation, the operator should be supervising the riders.
5. The operator must strictly enforce these rules and any rules posted on the inflatable's warning sign.
6. Riders should be sorted by size and only riders of the same size should be permitted on the inflatable at the same time.
7. The rated capacity should never be exceeded.
8. All riders must remove their shoes.
9. Riders must remove any loose or sharp objects including glasses, jewelry, watches, etc.
10. No food, drink, gum or other consumables are to be permitted in or around the inflatable.
11. No silly string is to be permitted in or around the moonwalk.
12. The operator should position themselves in close proximity to the entrance of the inflatable.
13. No roughhousing or horseplay should be tolerated.
14. No flips, cartwheels, handstands, or other excessive maneuvers are permitted.
15. No climbing on the walls, netting, or roof is permitted.
16. No excessive weight on the walls or netting is permitted.
17. Anyone who does not obey the rules after being warned should be told to exit the inflatable. Operators should understand that they are in control of the inflatable. Removing someone from the inflatable who is not following the rules is important for all riders' safety.

If the inflatable loses power, don't panic! Help the children exit the unit quickly, but do not scare them. Most moonwalks have enough air in them to sink gently to the ground, making it tricky to walk, but providing a soft landing! A roof escape hatch and windows are present and provide plenty of ventilation. A child is more likely to hurt themselves in a panic than they are to get injured by the inflatable itself.

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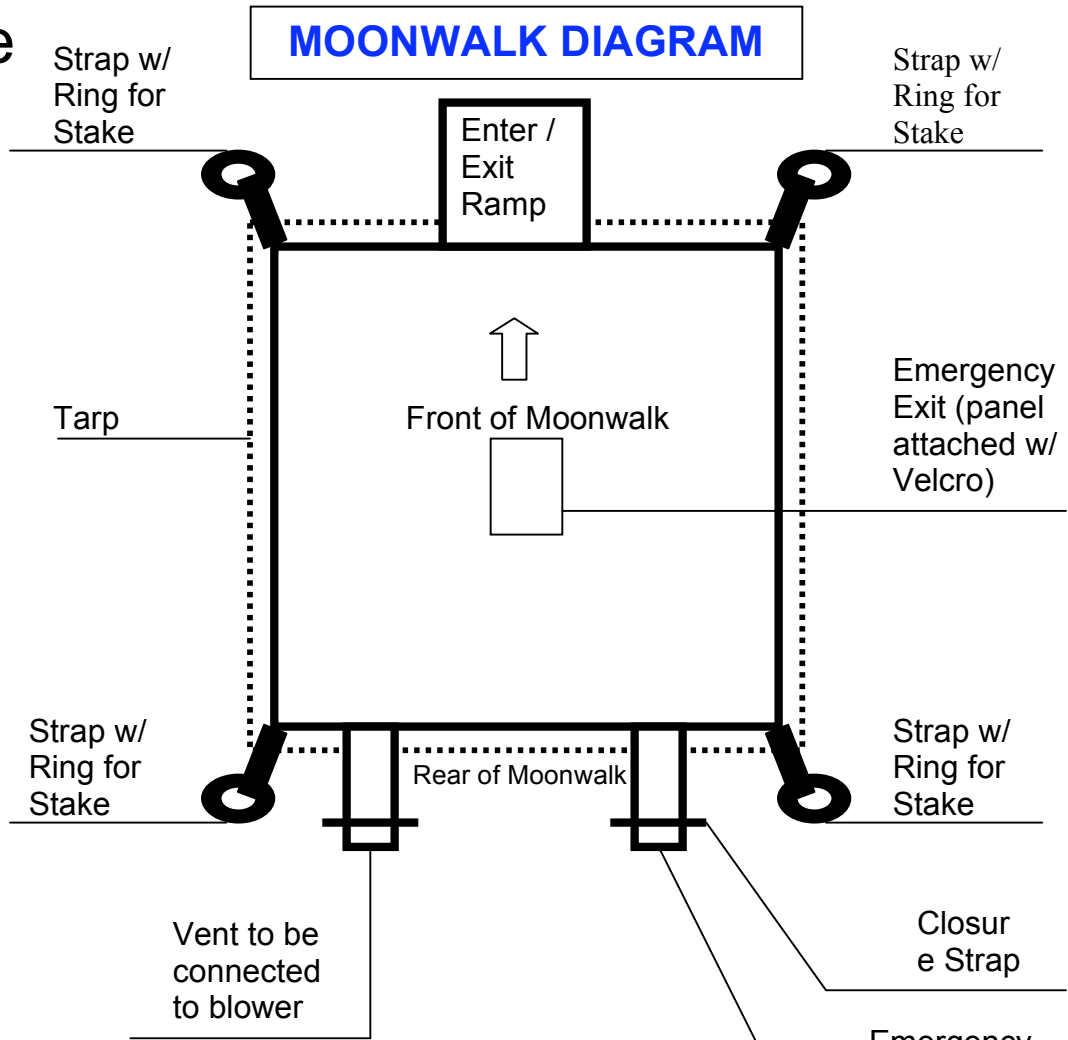
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Sample

MOONWALK DIAGRAM



Blower requires one 20 amp circuit per blower

Emergency fast release vent (Must be closed during operation)



Tarp

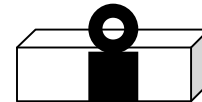
1. To put under moonwalk when in use
2. To cover moonwalk incase of rain



Stake Cap (4)



Stake (4)



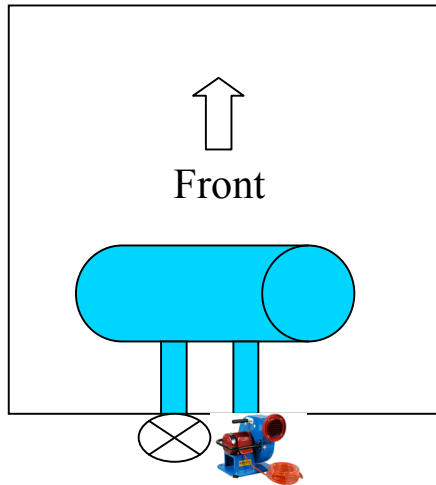
Sandbag (50lbs)

Storage Strap (2)



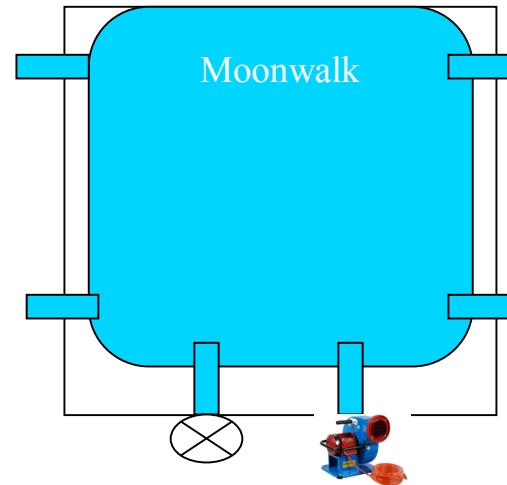
Sample

MOONWALK SETUP INSTRUCTIONS



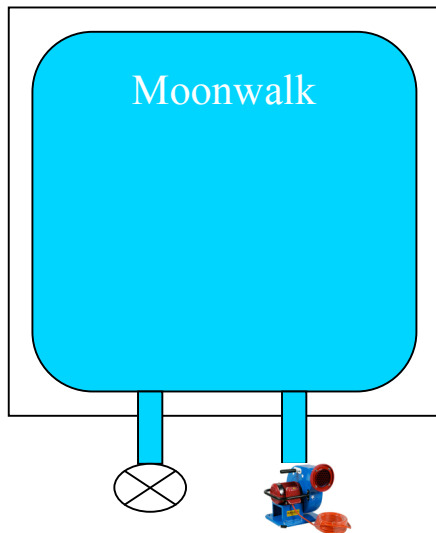
Steps 1-3

1. Position the tarp underneath where the moonwalk will be placed.
2. Position rolled moonwalk at the back of the tarp; the moonwalk unrolls from back from front.
3. Untie straps around moonwalk, unroll, and unfold.



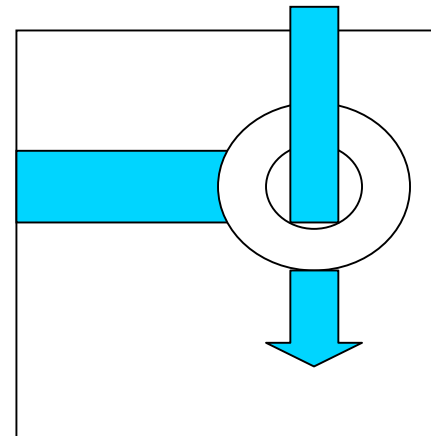
Steps 4-6

4. Tie left vent closed using attached strap (fast air release if weather changes).
5. Tie other vent to the neck of the blower using attached strap, make sure the vent is not twisted!
6. If your unit has a zipper, make sure it is fully zipped.



Steps 7-10

7. Turn on blower and allow the moonwalk to fully inflate.
8. Position the moonwalk to the center of the tarp.
9. Secure the moonwalk to the ground using the attached side straps (located at the corners) with stakes or sandbags.
10. Blower must remain on during use.



- To secure moonwalk, bring strap and ring from under the moonwalk.
- Stretch strap as far as possible, slack in the strap can result in movement of moonwalk.
- Hammer stake into the ground, through the ring, leaving 5-6 inches above ground.
- Place stake caps at the top of the stake
- If using a sandbag, attach the ring on the strap to the carabiner on the sandbag.

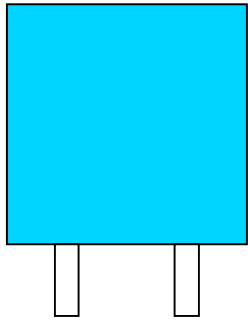
Please use moonwalks with care...Please refrain from drinking, smoking, eating, if carrying sharp objects while in the moonwalk, including shoes, and glasses. Please call if you have any further set-up instructions. If weather conditions change, unplug the blower, deflate, then fold the moonwalk in half, then cover the folded moonwalk with the tarp, then bring the blower indoors. Adult Supervision is REQUIRED at all times!!!! Have fun!

Sample

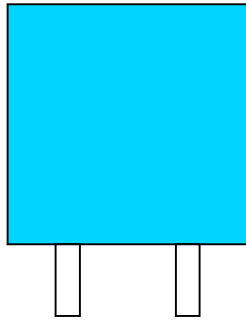
MOONWALK CAPACITIES

	<u>Giant</u>	<u>Large</u>	<u>Medium</u>
	20'x20'x16'	14'x14'x16'	17'x13'x12'
Children up to 8 y/o	10 - 12	8 - 10	5 - 7
Children 8-12 y/o	6 - 8	4 - 6	3 - 4
Teenagers	5 - 7		

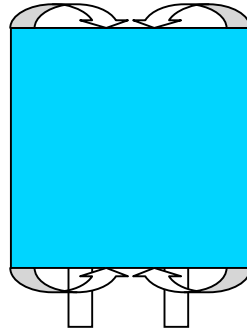
MOONWALK TAKE-DOWN INSTRUCTIONS



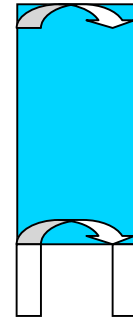
Step 1. Unplug from electrical, and open each vents. Allow to deflate and wait 5 minutes before folding.



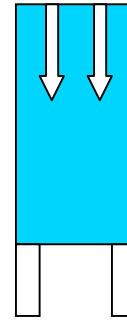
Step 2. Remove stakes and caps.



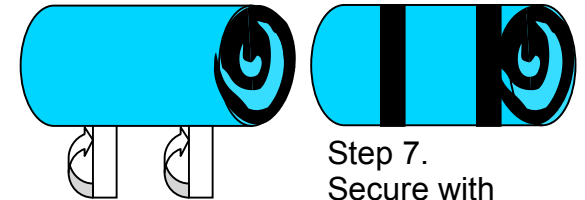
Step 3. Fold Sides to middle, 2 people are required to do this.



Step 4. Fold half over half.



Step 5. Allow 5min to deflate, then start to roll, keeping pushing and flattening the roll as you go.



Step 6. Fold in air vents, and finish rolling.

Step 7. Secure with straps to prevent moonwalk from unrolling. Step 8. Fold tarps, and neatly wrap extension cord around neck of blower.

Checklist

Moonwalk – 1
 Straps – 2
 Blower – 1
 Protection tarp – 1
 Weather tarp – 1
 Stakes – 4
 Caps – 4
 Dolly (optional)
 Extension cord (optional)