

# Jumping Pillow Safety Bulletin



Jumping pillow inflatables can be safe and fun for participants if installed, managed, and supervised effectively.

## Installation

Always familiarize yourself with and follow the manufacturer's requirements for installation. Use the manufacturer-provided safety manual to help locate a proper installation area, install, and secure the jump pillow. Recommendations for selecting a proper installation area include:

- Select an area that's fenced in to help control and protect participant use.
- Make sure the area is flat, isn't on top of or below utility lines, and is free of sharp objects.
- Ensure there's enough space to include a soft-landing area of sand, pea gravel, or playground-certified rubber mulch.
- The soft-landing area should be a minimum of 8 feet around the jump pillow and at least 5 inches deep and contain no obstacles.

## Maintenance

To maintain the integrity of the jump pillow and ensure continued safe use, daily maintenance must be performed. In addition to following the manufacturer's maintenance schedule, make sure to:

- Clean and disinfect the jump pillow daily.
- Monitor the weather. If there's rain, deflate and discontinue use until the jump pillow can be kept dry.
- Document all maintenance and inspections. Keep a daily opening and closing inspection log.
- Inspect weekly and monthly and include pre- and post-season maintenance.

## Safety & Supervision

In order to ensure safe participation with the jump pillow, supervision and control of the participants is very important. Height and weight restrictions must be followed, and the number of participants at one time must be managed. General safety rules that should be followed while dealing with inflatables include:

- Supervision must be maintained at all times.
- The number of participants should be controlled.
- Participants should be grouped by like size, typically height.
- Supervision staff should be certified in CPR and first aid.
- Where admissible, consider using a signed user waiver agreement. If necessary, consult your legal counsel.

Other rules that must be posted and strictly adhered to:

- Must be physically fit.
- No flips, somersaults, or other acrobatics.
- No jewelry.
- No jumping on wet surfaces.
- No footwear: shoes, sandals, flip-flops, etc.
- No smoking, no alcohol, no drugs.
- No jumping near the edges.
- Jump at arm's length from others.
- Exit carefully.