

MEMORANDUM

TO: Principals and Vice-Principals

FROM: Brett Reynolds, Associate Director of Education

Michael Carson, Chief Financial Officer

DATE: 4 March 2019

RE: Safety of Amusement Inflatables

Please share this Memo with your School Council Chair(s)

The following is a reminder about the use of amusement inflatables on District owned or leased property.

The Ontario School Boards' Insurance Exchange (OSBIE) considers the use of "fun structures" as a high-risk activity. OSBIE's risk warning related to inflatable play structures can be accessed at

www.osbie.on.ca/risk-management/at-a-glance/school-activities.aspx

Amusement inflatable devices involve certain elements of risk and injuries may occur while participating in these activities. Injuries include, but not limited to, dental damages, fractures, strains, sprains, head injuries, concussions, nose bleeds, physical contact with objects or others, friction burns, vomiting, paralysis and death.

All participants must be informed of the risks prior to participating in these activities and it is recommended that participating students carry Student Accident Insurance.

Anyone allowing the use of an amusement inflatable on the District property must ensure the provisions outlined in this memo are followed and the documents retained

- a) It is the principal's responsibility to ensure the operator adheres to all the regulations regarding amusement inflatables, including Ontario Regulation 221/01, Ontario Regulation 187/03 and CAN/CSA Z267.00;
- b) The provider must provide a copy of their TSSA Operating License for the current operating year;

- c) The provider must provide a copy of their TSSA Mechanics License for the current operating season;
- d) The provider must provide a copy of the current annual TSSA Certificate for each amusement inflatable being used on District property that matches the permit affixed to each device;
- e) The Provider must name the OCDSB as an Additional Insured Party and provide proof of a minimum of 2 million dollars liability with the insurance certificate;
- f) the structure must be installed by the provider from whom it is being rented; and,
- g) it is important to note that Ontario Regulation 221/01 requires that the structure must be supervised by the providers staff or an individual deemed qualified by the provider.

Principals are cautioned not to sign any agreement accepting vendor liability.

Should you have any further questions, please contact Risk Management at riskmanagement@ocdsb.ca.

Attachment

TSSA Advisory: 'Drop-off' practice of Inflatable devices and rentals

cc: Senior Staff
Administrative Assistants
Office Administrators
Community Use of Schools
Risk Management