



# Bounce House Policies

**Inflatable bounce houses**, also known as bouncy castles, moonbounces, jumping balloons and inflatables, are a popular attraction for both public and private events. While many states have laws requiring the inspection of amusement rides, some states do not consider inflatables as “amusement rides.” On the other hand, some states have specific guidelines that require the inspection of bounce houses and for them to be safely secured to the ground. Therefore, it is important for you to know the regulations in your state! To our knowledge a policy analysis involving inflatables has yet to be examined, therefore, we have thoroughly evaluated each state’s policies to fill in this gap and determine the state of bounce house legislation in the United States.

**TIP:** Know the inflatable policies in your state!

## 1. Amusement Specific Regulations:

- Pay attention to how your state defines “amusement ride.”
- If the words “**inflatable, air-supported amusement device, moonbounce, or moonwalks**” are not included, then these are not regulated like amusement rides.
- Some states will also include a list of amusement rides that **ARE NOT** covered under the legislation.

**TIP:** How does your bounce house rental company inspect their inflatables? Don’t be afraid to ask!

## 2. Inflatable Specific Regulations:

- With the rise in bounce house accidents, some states are working toward inflatable specific guidelines.
- Sometimes these new guidelines appear separate from the amusement ride legislation.
- These regulations describe the process that companies must inspect, regulate, and set-up bounce houses.

**TIP:** Does your state have inflatable specific guidelines? If not, we encourage you to get your state involved to help keep children safe on inflatables!

For more information on the policies involving amusement rides and inflatables, please visit our website: [www.weathertobounce.com](http://www.weathertobounce.com).

### Legend

#### State Policy Classification

- No Guidelines
- Amusement Ride Guidelines
- Inflatable Specific Guidelines

