

Oklahoma Department of Labor



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COMMISSIONER OF LABOR

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RE: SAFETY BULLETIN NOTICE REGARDING 3-WALLED INFLATABLES

The Oklahoma Department of Labor has received reports about 3-walled inflatables (typically used for photographs) being used as bounce-houses. ODOL does not classify these inflatable devices as amusement rides only if they are used **exclusively** for photography. However, if persons are bouncing and jumping on them while they are inflated, then the devices are considered amusement rides and fall under the jurisdiction of ODOL. As such, any company advertising and renting out 3-walled inflatables as bounce houses must register the inflatables with ODOL and have the inflatables inspected annually.

This is a safety issue. There are unique safety requirements that apply to 3-walled inflatables that are used as bounce houses. Companies are discouraged from using any 3-walled inflatable as a bounce house and/or allowing persons to jump on any such device that does not meet national ASTM standard F2374.

A 3-walled inflatable that does not have an inflatable floor would typically not qualify as an amusement ride. However, any 3-walled inflatable that includes an inflatable floor could be considered an amusement ride and should be registered with ODOL.

Any company that knowingly advertises these devices as a bounce house without registering with ODOL is acting outside the law and may be subject to fines and/or other penalties.

For any questions about this notice, please either of the persons below:

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