



To: Episcopal Diocese, Parishes & Missions  
Re: *Inflatables (Bounce Houses)*

The Church Insurance Agency Corporation (CIAC) would like to make the following recommendations in regard to the use of *inflatables* at church-sponsored events:

- ✓ Require the rental company providing the inflatable to provide proof of insurance.
- ✓ *Before setting up the inflatable*, check its condition to make sure there are no rips or holes.
- ✓ When setting up the inflatable, choose a flat area and place a tarp on the ground to *protect the bottom* against rips or holes.
- ✓ The inflatable should be *staked and weighted down*.
- ✓ The inflatable should be *fully inflated* and not sagging; this will increase the likelihood that children will not land on each other.
- ✓ Only children of *similar sizes and ages* should use the inflatable at the same time.
- ✓ *Limit the number of children* using the inflatable at any one time.
- ✓ Remove children who are *tired* and therefore more likely to be injured.
- ✓ Provide *adult supervision* (two or more adults are preferable) at all times; place an emphasis on *avoiding rough play*.

The policy offered by CIAC reads as follows:

“Insured” includes:

“Your” member or volunteer, but only for **liability incurred while engaged in activities authorized by and performed on behalf of “you.”**

We pay all sums which an insured becomes legally obligated to pay as damages due to bodily injury... caused by an occurrence which takes place in the coverage territory, and the bodily injury or property damage must occur during the policy period.

We hope that the information provided here will help your church to have a safe and successful event. Should you have additional questions or concerns, please contact CIAC at (800) 293-3525.

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