

# Ohio Ridesafety Inflatable Licensing

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This \$1 Million ride :



Costs \$56 more to inspect this \$2,500 ride:



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Inflatable cost \$329 to inspect and license.

- Inspection averages 15 minutes per unit including report and license paperwork
- Calculates to \$1316 per hour inspector rate.

Most non inflatable amusement rides cost \$385 for inspection and license.

- This is a much more complex inspection than inflatables and takes much more time, but the cost does not reflect that.

A mid size inflatable company with about \$2 million a year in revenues will spend about the same for inspection and licensing as a large park like Cedar Point Or Kings Island does for their non-coaster rides.

# Annual inspection does little to affect inflatable amusement safety

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Virtually all inflatable safety falls to the operator.

- Unsafe conditions are far more likely to be from damage in transport or conditions at the event site than wear
- To be safe, operators already have to inspect to state standards every time they set up an event.
- Operator will inspect each unit dozens of times a year, how much good is one extra inspection out of 50 or more?

# Inflatables accidents rarely caused by equipment failure

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Most accidents due to operator error, weather, or riders failing to follow ride rules.

- ALL the high-profile incidents of units flying away in recent years were caused by either failure to properly anchor during setup, unexpected high winds, or both.

Equipment failures result in either non-operable equipment or “graceful” failure of attraction

- Mechanical or structural failure before setup results in soft unit that can’t be used
- Failure after setup results in unit deflating over the course of minutes allowing orderly evacuation or slow descent to ground.