

Incident

You will be aware of the serious incident at Gorleston, Norfolk on Sunday 1st July 2018. The Police retain primacy for the investigation, and the HSE continue to assist both the Police and the Local Authority with their inquiries

The investigation is at a very early stage, but it has been established that the device involved in the incident was an “air sealed” inflatable trampoline. The mode of failure of this device is not known at present, and investigations continue.

The incident device differs from more traditional inflatable devices, including bouncy castles and slides which use a “continuous supply of air” to maintain their shape.

Traditional inflatable devices should be designed and manufactured in line with BS 14960:2013, used in accordance with the manufactures instructions, and under a suitable and sufficient regime of ongoing maintenance and inspection

The HSE has freely available published information on its website for the safe use of inflatables, which is set out below, and will assist your members with discharging their legal duties.

Guidance

In light of the tragic event at the weekend I would be grateful if you could remind your members of the guidance that is available for operators of inflatable equipment:

- BS EN 14960: 2013 Inflatable play equipment. Safety requirements and test methods is the European Standard regarding manufacture and operation.
- HSE Guidance can be found at <http://www.hse.gov.uk/entertainment/fairgrounds/faqs.htm#inflatables>
- Information on the PIPA scheme can be found at: <http://www.pipa.org.uk/>
- Information on the ADIPs scheme can be found at: <http://www.adips.co.uk/>

