

Weekend News

Sunday, September 2, 2007

PARTY TERROR

Peter Green

PARTY celebrations for a well known Australian pub were thrown into turmoil yesterday afternoon when an inflatable castle collapsed, injuring two young children. At approximately 2p.m. the inflatable castle became unstable and collapsed, sending two children aged 3 and 4, on to the surrounding pavement. One child sustained head injuries, the other a broken arm. Both were transported to hospital for emergency treatment.

The inflatable toy castle which was used during the public event was purchased at a local market as an attraction for children attending. The parents of the injured children were shaken and are demanding answers as why this kind of activity was provided to the general public with no insurance or liability cover.

The mother of one of the injured children, Mrs. Smith comments "When you hold an event that is open to the public and especially when children are involved, there should be some level of responsibility by the venue for the types of activities provided. Had I known the inflatable was not of industry standard, I would have thought twice about allowing my child to jump".

Mr. John Newton, Founder and Managing Director of Jumping J-Jays Castles & Slides warns that these toys are intended for private use only and do not meet industry standards. "An incident like this affects the inflatable amusement industry as a whole. When a business chooses to use a cheap toy for a public event, they are placing the patrons and their children at risk of serious injury".

The venue operators had no comment on the incident and are currently being questioned by officials.



Picture: Chris Johnson

"There are professionals in this industry who provide safe inflatables to businesses for public events which adhere to strict regulations. This is to ensure the safety of the children," said Mr. Newton. **"Businesses should strongly consider the consequences of providing illegal and unsafe activities to the general public as they're setting themselves up for an accident and a costly legal battle."**

Mr. Newton adds, "Industry standards are set to ensure accidents like these don't occur. If you're willing to expose your business to the liabilities of providing a cheap attraction to the public, be prepared for what comes with that."

Jumping J-Jays Castles and Slides are committed to providing safe inflatables not only for back yard parties but also public events, with full public liability cover. Don't risk your

patrons safety by using an inferior toy. Call the professionals with the knowledge and the products to protect against a tragic accident and a potential legal nightmare.



Children injured... A cheap toy used as an attraction at a public event

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