

# KANSAS INFLATABLE DEVICE REQUIREMENTS



## Keeping Family Fun Safe

In the state of Kansas, inflatable devices—including bouncy houses, inflatable obstacle courses and inflatable water slides—are legally classified as amusement rides. As such, these devices are generally required to be permitted before use.



### When a Permit is Required

A permit is required if the inflatable is:

- Rented out to others
- Used at events open to the public
- Operated by a business or organization in a private setting
- An inflatable owned by an individual is being used in a public setting



### Exceptions to the Permit Requirement

A permit is not required if **both** of the following conditions are met:

- The inflatable is owned by an individual
- The inflatable is strictly for private use

*Private Use* means use that is limited to personal, non-public settings.

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## Common Scenarios

If I purchase an inflatable device for personal use, do I need a permit?

- **No.** If the inflatable is owned by you and strictly used for private purposes, a permit is not required.

If I lend my inflatable to a school or church for a picnic, is a permit required?

- **Yes.** Once the inflatable is no longer privately used, it must be permitted through the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) before using.

If an Inflatable is used at a public event (i.e., festival or watch party), is a permit required?

- **Yes.** Even if the inflatable is operated for only one day, any business, organization or individual using an inflatable device in a non-private setting must obtain a permit through KDOL.

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## How to Apply for a Permit

To apply for a permit through KDOL:

1. Visit [dol.ks.gov/amusement-rides](https://dol.ks.gov/amusement-rides)
2. Create an account to register your entity and add rides
3. Upload all required documentation
4. Pay applicable fees

