

At Scouts NSW, the safety and wellbeing of our members is our highest priority. It is our duty to ensure a safe environment for all participants in Scouting activities.

Effective 17 July 2025, Scouts NSW has received formal confirmation from our insurers regarding the use of inflatable devices. Scouts NSW owned inflatable devices are not covered under the current Scouts NSW insurance policy, with the sole exception of the horizontal bungee at Cataract, which has been specifically approved.

The use applies to all inflatable devices owned and operated by Scouts NSW groups or members, regardless of size or type. Devices such as inflatable running balls, climbing wall, obstacle courses, bubble soccer and zorb balls are included. Examples below:

Suspension and Quarantine of Inflatable Devices

Effective immediately, all groups are required to cease the use of Scout-owned inflatable devices, as well as any personally owned inflatables not sourced from a registered business. This directive is not-negotiable and applies across all regions, districts and/or groups.

All existing inflatables must be **quarantined without exception**. No further use is permitted until a plan is developed in consultation with the ELT and Relevant Groups



If your group wishes to include inflatable activities in any activity, they must be sourced from a **third-party provider under an external hire arrangement**. This means the company engaged must run the activity themselves and provide the following **before the activity is approved**:

- Valid insurance documentation with \$20M public liability
- Comprehensive risk assessment
- Business details Including ABN
- Formal hire agreement
- Maintenance records



"Continued operation of Scouts owned inflatable devices constitutes acceptance of personal liability for any injury sustained."

For enquiries regarding this safety notice contact risk@nsw.scouts.com.au