

# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2022



**A Message From:  
The Suffolk Department of  
Planning and Community  
Development  
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**INFLATABLE AND SMALL  
MECHANICAL RIDE DEVICE  
REGULATIONS  
REGULATIONS APPLY ONLY TO  
EVENTS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
SOURCE: VIRGINIA UNIFORM  
STATEWIDE BUILDING CODE -  
AMUSEMENT DEVICE  
REGULATIONS**

**When deciding on your inflatable (Bounce House) and small mechanical ride, please ensure the ride vendor is properly licensed and provides you, the client, with the following three items:**

**1. Each amusement device must be properly permitted and inspected prior to being utilized. Exceptions are as follows:**

- A permit and inspection are not required if the Inflatable or small mechanical ride has an unexpired Certificate of Inspection issued by a Building Department within the Commonwealth.
- For an Inflatable device, the inspection is required to be approved within one year prior to the planned date of the event.
- For a small mechanical ride, the inspection is required to be approved within six months prior to the planned date of the event.

**2. However, even if a permit and inspection are not required based on the above code criteria, an application must be filed with the Community Development Division to ensure the City of Suffolk has received a copy of the Certificate of Inspection and Certificate of Insurance.**

- If the device does not have an unexpired Certificate of Inspection, a permit must be obtained at a cost of \$35.00 per device and an inspection must be

conducted by a State Certified Inspector. Permits shall be obtained and inspections requested at least five business days prior to the planned date of the event to ensure all devices are inspected in a timely manner.

**3. The applicant shall provide proof of liability insurance of an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per event or proof of equivalent financial responsibility. The City of Suffolk shall be listed as the certificate holder on the "Certificate of Liability Insurance" form.**

**Concerns or questions; please contact  
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