

MUTA, the fabric structures trade association, has called for event organisers to improve safety practices in their use of inflatable structures to reduce the risk of accidents or failures.

With the publication of a new safety guide, “Guidance for the Design, Procurement & Use of Inflatable Temporary Structures: A White Paper”, developed with Baconinflate, hirers and their clients have clear and comprehensive advice for designing, manufacturing, installing and managing inflatable structures.

The guidance, which is available on request from the MUTA secretariat on info@muta.org.uk, covers the following aspects of inflatable structures:

- Proposal/Brief
- Design
- Specification & Engineering
- Manufacture
- Operation
- Health & Safety.

Gary Bennett, Managing Director of Baconinflate Worldwide, said: “Inflatable temporary structures have surged in popularity over the last few years but the more companies there are using them, the greater is the risk of a failure or accident. With this new guidance, providers and clients will have no excuse to ignore the best practice that we have outlined.”

MUTA President Tony Marsh said: “The new guidance on inflatable structures complements MUTA’s existing industry best practice for temporary demountable fabric structures. After several years of working with Baconinflate and the other members who work in the sector and have given their support for the guidance, I am delighted that inflatable structures are now a fully fledged part of MUTA and the MUTAmarq accreditation scheme.”