



Dunk Tank Safety Guidelines

INTRODUCTION

Student organizations may desire use a dunk tank as part of a fundraiser or another planned event. It is the goal of the University to assist student organizations in taking the necessary precautions needed to have as safe an event as possible.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

The following is a list of basic requirements that must be met when using a dunk tank as part of an event held on University Property.

1. The event must be scheduled using Student Activity guidelines including submitting a Special Events Request form through the Connect information system.
2. The vendor supplying the dunk tank must meet University insurance requirements and be approved by University Compliance and Risk Services (Jaime Hinojosa ext. 4586).
3. A safety walk through may be scheduled as determined by Environmental Health and Safety (Kenneth O'Connor ext. 2357).
4. The below precautions must be followed and are considered minimum. Additional requirements may be needed should conditions warrant.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

1. **Site selection:** The area selected for the site should be flat, open, and clear of debris. The location should also not be near any electrical sources. Ken O'Connor (Dept. of EH&S, 254-710-2357) can assist in site selection.
2. **Dunk Tank Set-up** should be performed by the approved vendor.
3. **Dunk Tank Operation:**
 - a. Check with the vendor for size requirements of the person being dunked. Typical requirements are a minimum height of 5' and maximum weight of 250 lbs.
 - b. After set-up, perform a test operation to ensure the dunk tank is operating correctly.
 - c. Keep the area immediately in front of and around the dunk tank clear of spectators.
 - d. The person being dunked should be wearing appropriate clothing. It is recommended to wear non-slip tennis shoes or water shoes. Participants should remove sharp objects, neck chains, eyeglasses, or other loose jewelry.
 - e. Only one person at a time may be in the dunk tank.
 - f. Never stand on the seat. The person being dunked should remain seated with hands on the knees and leaning slightly forward.
 - g. A dunk tank can not be used in adverse weather conditions that include lightning, hail, or high winds (see vendor for maximum allowable wind). EHS does not recommend use of a dunk tank if the air temperature is expected to drop below 50°F.