

## Assembling the inflatable church

Important: Before inflation, inspect the church for signs of damage. Pay particular attention to the inflation fans, electrical cables and plugs for signs of breaks, cuts, chaffing or other damage. If you have any doubt regarding the electrical integrity of the inflatable church, do not connect it to the mains electrical supply. Please report any damage to The Arthur Rank Centre as soon as you are able.

Care must be taken in choosing a suitable location for erection of the church. Clear of obstacles, overhead cables and with suitable access. The inflatable church must be adequately secured to the ground. Care must be taken to avoid underground services, pipes and cables.

If located close to parking, some form of barrier should be considered to separate the areas.

Make sure that an adequate 240V electrical power supply is available to the site, with two sockets. Care should be taken when routing the electrical cables to avoid a trip hazard. The cables should be clearly marked. A RCD (Residual-current device) must be fitted.



- 1 Spread out the ground-sheet on a flat area of ground.



- 2 Remove tower section from its bag, carefully unroll it and spread it out.



- 3 Ensure that all the zips around the base have been closed, and the Velcro tape firmly sealed (to prevent air from escaping).
- 4 Check that all the guy ropes for securing the structure are free and not trapped under the structure.



- 5 Plug in the pump and switch it on so that the tower begins to inflate. Filling begins immediately and is very fast. The inflation fan motors are protected by grills but may still present a hazard to children. Access to the motors should be monitored at all times.

- 6 Gently guide the tower into position as it fills.

- 7 Use the guy ropes to peg out the tower section securely. Pegs and ropes must be clearly indicated to avoid trips.



- 8 Remove the main church section and spread it out on the ground-sheet, with the grey side downwards.



- 9 Ensure that all the zips have been closed around the base of the structure, and that the Velcro tape is firmly sealed.

- 10 Check that all the guy ropes for securing the structure are free and not trapped under the structure.



- 11 Plug in the pump and make sure that the fan remains upright as the church begins to inflate.



12 Ease the structure into shape as it fills.

13 Use the guy ropes to peg out the church section securely.



14 The pumps need to remain switched on whilst the inflatable church is in use.





Extra care to be taken in wet weather particularly the entrance – matting may be required.

There should be responsible adult supervision at all times.

The number of people entering the church should be controlled. There must be no overcrowding.

Smoking should not be allowed inside the church.

The inflatable church should not be used if winds of over 23mph are forecast. In windy or gusty conditions, the church must be taken down in good time and kept secure.

### **Taking down the inflatable church**

- 1 Make sure that there is adequate space around the structure as it may fall sideways when deflating.
- 2 Un-peg the guy ropes.
- 3 Disconnect the power from the pump.
- 4 Undo the Velcro and zip fastenings to allow the air to escape – the structure will immediately begin to collapse.
- 5 When releasing the air, use the handle on the pump to guide it gently to the ground (to prevent damage being caused by it dropping suddenly).
- 6 When the structure is flat, wind up the guy ropes.
- 7 Clean the material carefully using only water and a neutral detergent.
- 8 Dry the material thoroughly before rolling it up and packing it in the bag. Moisture will cause mould to form, causing irreparable damage.

