

Setting up a Moonwalk

Step 1: Check the Area and Setup Tarp

Inspect the set-up site for proper clearance and the presence of hazardous stones, sticks, or other obstructions which may damage the unit. Find the nearest electrical outlet and TEST IT before you start. Many outdoor outlets do not work. Once you have your site ready, unfold your tarp and stake it down.

Stake down your tarp in all four corners, driving the tent spike all the way into the ground so no one will trip on it. You may want to drive spikes into the center hole of each side of the tarp as well, although the corners are usually enough.

Step 2: Unload the Inflatables

When possible, always use a hand truck with inflatable wheels to move the inflatable unit. Carefully, tip the unit on its end. Once the unit is on its end, pull your hand truck into place. It is important to place the unit on the hand truck with the blower tubes facing out, on the opposite side from the hand truck. The tubes show you where the back of the unit is so that you know which side you need to place toward the blower. This will help you to easily position the unit on the tarp, ready to unroll.

Slide the hand truck under the unit, and then tip it back onto the hand truck.

Step 3: Setup the Inflatable Unit

Position the unit in the center of the back of the tarp (wherever you plan to place the blower). Tip the unit forward and pull the hand truck out from under it. Then allow it to fall back onto the tarp with the blower tubes on top.

Adjust the unit so that it lines up correctly and is centered.

Untie the straps and remove them and place them in the protective bag if you have one.

Unroll the unit. Then unfold and straighten the sides.

Step 4: Secure the Inflatable Unit

Properly securing the inflatable unit is a critical safety step.

When setting-up on grass, at a minimum, stake down all four corners of the unit. On larger slides that have a side-mounted securing strap/rope, you must also either tie it to a nearby tree or use larger stakes to secure. The ropes should be slacked slightly to allow for normal movement of the unit.

When setting up on hard surfaces, sandbags will be used in place of the corner and side stakes. Attach the handles of the sandbag covers to the ropes with carabiners and place them at the opposite angles.

Step 5: Inflate & Inspect

Most units have two blower tubes for flexibility in set-up. However, most often, only one blower is required for operation of the unit. Pleat or fold the vinyl fabric as tight as you can on the unused blower tube, then use a strap to secure it shut. Some escape from this blower tube is normal and acceptable.

Hook the blower up to the unpleated tube. Slide the blower opening into the tube, then pleat and fold the extra fabric around the blower to hold it while you tighten the strap. Wrap the strap around the blower and tube and tighten. Make sure you have gathered all the fabric in the strap, especially around the bottom, where it is hard to see.

Check to make sure your extension cord is away from foot traffic as much as possible. Arrange the cord so that it is away from the entrance of the unit. Make sure all children are away from the unit before you turn the blower on. Simply plug in the blower and turn it on. After the unit is fully inflated, inspect the unit completely for rips, tears, dirt, damage and other hazards prior to allowing riders.