

Confused as to what can & can't be tested via the PIPA scheme?

BS EN 14960 is the only standard for design, manufacture and testing of inflatable play equipment. Such equipment tested by competent Inspectors is registered under the PIPA scheme. Following the standard is regarded as best practice and would usually be sufficient to demonstrate compliance with the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974. BS EN 14960 specifies the safety requirements for inflatable play equipment of which the primary activities are bouncing and sliding. The standard excludes water-borne inflatables, domestic inflatable toys, air supported buildings and inflatables used for protection and rescue.

The PIPA scheme only covers inflatable play equipment within the scope of BS EN 14960 (as described on page 7 of the standard). The diagrams below are an indication of what inflatables can and can't be tested via the PIPA scheme.

Bouncy castle

Obstacle course

Inflatable slide

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- Bounce & slide
- Multi-play centre
- Enclosed inflatable
- Soft mountain

Bungee run

Rodeo bull

Shootout

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- Total wipeout
- Boxing ring
- Climbing wall
- Sports arena
- Rock & roll
- Hungry hippo
- Laser maze
- Football arena
- Ball pools
- Soft play

Inflatable play equipment that falls outside the scope of the scheme can still be tested but not using the PIPA scheme. Some Inspectors provide their own in-house inspection which would cover the inflatable elements of the device. To find your nearest Inspector, click here: www.pipa.org.uk/browse/find-an-inspector.