



# IS012 - Republic of Ireland

## - PIPA Inspections

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### 1) Overview

A number of PIPA inspectors have provided inflatable safety inspections within the Republic of Ireland (ROI) for many years. Whilst the PIPA scheme does not have a specific focus on the ROI, it will work with any country who wishes to establish a scheme in order to improve the safety standards of inflatables.

In 2025, the following regulations were introduced under S.I. No 457 of 2025: “PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT (FUNFAIRS AND FAIRGROUND EQUIPMENT) REGULATIONS 2025”.

***This information sheet is provided for general guidance only and does not constitute legal advice regarding compliance with the regulations referred to above. Responsibility for ensuring compliance with all applicable legal and regulatory requirements in the Republic of Ireland rests with the inspector and the operator. While this information sheet is intended to assist those operating in the Republic of Ireland, it should not be relied upon as a substitute for independent legal advice.***

Those who wish to use this information sheet should familiarise themselves with S.I. No 457 of 2025 in the first instance.

## **2) Suitably Qualified Individual**

The regulations require any person who wishes to issue a certificate of safety in ROI (i.e. a PIPA inspection report) to meet the requirements laid down in section 3 of the regulations.

It is for the PIPA inspector to ascertain whether they are able to meet the minimum requirements within this section. Holding the title of a registered PIPA inspector alone may not provide sufficient qualification as stated by the regulations.

## **3) Certificates of Safety**

A certificate of safety is an inspection report following an annual safety inspection, including PIPA inspection reports. However, the regulations require specific information to be included on a certificate.

A PIPA inspection certificate requires the following additional information to be included to meet the requirements of section 6 of the regulations:

1. Name & Address of current controller (owner) of the equipment
2. Legal Name & Business Address of the inspector issuing the certificate
3. Date of inspection
4. Location or Address where inspection was undertaken
5. Date of certification – which is the date the certificate was issued

Some of the requirements which are already included on the PIPA certificate but require additional consideration are:

- The date of manufacture must be completed, not left as 'unknown'
- The unique identification number is the PIPA tag number for the device
- The photo must contain the photo on the day (i.e. do not insert a 'stock image' onto the inspection report to ensure the latest image is used)

PIPA will not be able to add these details to public/online certificates due to privacy and data protection considerations.

### Issuing Certificates:

To help meet the requirements, you are required to issue the certificate to the owner of the device. You may wish to print the PIPA certificate on a single page, and print/include the above details using the template in Annex A, on the rear of the certificate.

A digital version may be more user friendly, and a PDF converter may join the two files together to create a single PDF file. Note – it is unlikely that two separate files (one for the PIPA certificate, and another for the additional information) are likely to be a valid digital form of the certificate.

#### Record Keeping:

Both the person who owns the device and the inspector is required to retain the certificate for a period of at least 7 years.

The PIPA inspection hub contains a section for files to be uploaded to a particular device tag. This can be uploaded by either the inspector or the controller. We recommend using this functionality to upload any issued certificates of safety for safe keeping.

#### **4) Certificate of Safety Disc**

The regulations require that a certificate of safety disc is issued alongside the certificate of safety (i.e. inspection report) as stated above.

The regulations do not specify what the certificate of safety disc looks like, other than it is to be displayed in a prominent position at the front of the device.

There are specific requirements of what the safety disc is required to contain. Annex B contains a template of what a certificate of safety disc may look like.

For simplicity, the safety disc could be attached to a Foamex or corrugated plastic 'safety board', provided it is displayed at the front of the device. An example of a safety board can be found in Annex C.

**ANNEX A – Certificate of Safety Additional Information**

<b>Controller Name</b>	
<b>Controller Address</b>	
<b>Date of Inspection</b>	
<b>Date of Certification (Issue Date)</b>	
<b>Location of Inspection</b>	

**ANNEX B – Template Certificate of Safety Disc**

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SAFETY DISC</b>			
<b>PIPA Tag:</b>		<b>Valid From:</b>	
		<b>Valid To:</b>	
<b>Issued By:</b>			
<b>Device Class:</b>			
<i>Issued under Regulation S.I. No 456 of                  2025 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT                  (FUNFAIRS AND FAIRGROUND                  EQUIPMENT) REGULATIONS 2025,                  Section 7(1)</i>			

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# CERTIFICATE OF SAFETY

This Device has been inspected in accordance with S.I. No 456 of 2025  
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(FUNFAIRS AND FAIRGROUND  
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