

Marquees and smaller structures



Stallholders who bring their own marquee or structure to any event or market, must ensure that it complies with Australian Standards and is well anchored to the ground with pegs and/or weights. If your event is under a 'Place of Public Entertainment' (POPE) permit, a Safety Officer will be on site checking the suitability and set up of all marquees and structures. All structures no matter their size need to be safely secured.

Umbrellas and other lightweight objects are to be packed away or dismantled if the weather requires it. If the winds are high, marquees are to be closed down on all four sides. Sometimes it is necessary to evacuate marquees and / or cancel the event or components of the event due to weather conditions.

To secure a structure appropriately you need to consider the following:

Type of structure:

- A frames
- Activity structures (i.e. plastic basketball hoops)
- Displays
- Gantry (inflatable)
- Marquee, closed sides
- Marquee, open sides
- Umbrellas



Size of structure:

- How the structure can be weighted (minimum 10kg per leg) or pegged to the ground
- Material of structure (porous, canvas, plastic)

Environment:

- Direction and site exposure to winds
- Hard stand i.e. bitumen, concrete, pavers– weights only
- Type of ground
- Type of soil - i.e. soft, hard, sandy
- Type of weight or peg used to secure structure:
- Large industrial pegs should be sprayed a fluorescent colour to increase visibility. If the peg is metal and has sharp edges a witches hat or similar should be used to protect the public from being injured.
- Pegs must be strong and secure and not positioned in a way that they can cause a trip hazard

Weights should be attached to tentage as low to the ground as possible; weights should not extend away from the uprights or infrastructure in a manner that would represent a trip hazard.

All stallholders must ensure that all site infrastructure including marquee structures, product racks/shelves and stock is adequately secured to prevent injury to members of the public and fellow stallholders.