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Re: Increasing injuries as trampoline parks expand within Australia: a call for mandatory standards

The ATPA (Australian Trampoline Park Association) reaffirms its commitment to the safety of its customers. ATPA was founded in 2013 by operators and manufacturers because we believed that we have a responsibility to our customers and our people to make the experience as fun and as safe as we possibly can.

A Code of Practice was developed alongside safety experts and we have been working with Standards Australia since 2015 to finalise an official Standard for indoor trampoline parks. That Standard is in its final stages and is expected to be published by Standards Australia in the coming months.

Key elements of the existing ATPA guidelines include:

- minimum staff-to-customers supervision ratios (1:20)
- Limit of one jumper per trampoline
- Minimum depth and foam levels of foam pits
- Clear requirements for support netting underneath all trampoline mats

These guidelines are designed to minimise risk of injury which is a key focus for the organisation and its members. The ATPA group meets regularly to discuss best practises and ways in which all parks can improve in mitigating risk of injuries.

ATPA members are audited annually by independent specialists to make sure all operators within the association remain compliant. ATPA member accreditation is placed on the front door of the venue, along with the year the membership applies to and we encourage anyone visiting a trampoline park to look for the ATPA accreditation.

We encourage as many trampoline parks and industry manufacturers to join ATPA as possible and to become an accredited member, with the ATPA believing it is the safest and most responsible option for people looking to have fun at a trampoline park.

ATPA remains committed to the safety of its customers while growing an industry that encourages activity among young people and delivers significant positive factors and experiences.

Current ATPA members include; Air Factory, Bounce INC, Hangtime, Jump & Climb, Sky Zone and Supatramp. We estimate this makes up for 20% or less of all trampoline parks in Australia.

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