

CIRCUS EQUIPMENT AND RIGGING CHECKS

GENERAL NOTES

- rigging and circus equipment are not toys!
- all equipment is potentially dangerous if not used correctly.
- no issue is too small - this kit is vital and you have to depend on it, so if you think something is wrong or out of place, please inform office, no problem is too small to worry about.
- all injuries are to be reported. Blood on equipment is a health risk to others. Please inform office as soon as you can about any contaminated equipment so that it can be dealt with.

HOOPS / TRAPEZES

>DAILY CHECKS:

1. All carabiners are tight and in the correct orientation.
2. Slings and strops do not appear to be frayed or have excessive wear
3. Visual/physical inspection of all equipment check for visible rust and tape coming off bar. If you find rust on the body of the apparatus please let the office know.

>MONTHLY CHECKS:

1. Re-tape bar if peeling off or dirty.
2. CHECK The body of the apparatus for any signs of rust. If you find rust on the body of the apparatus please let the office know.
3. Check the welds. Using hand pressure, try and pull and twist the weld. If the welded joint fails this inspection, immediately take the unit out of service and consult the manufacturer.
4. Inspect any attached ropes or cables. If the ropes or cables show any imperfections or signs of excess wear, please let the office know.
5. Check the rigging components for signs of excess wear if any rigging component shows signs of excess wear, replace the component and alert office.

>SIX MONTHLY CHECKS:

1. Remove the apparatus from the rigging.
2. Remove any tape, remove and rigging components (shackles, carabiners, stripes etc.)
3. Clean the unit. Most metal items can be cleaned using rubbing alcohol and rags make sure to get all grip aid residue off.
4. Check the body of the apparatus for any signs of rust according to the manufactures instructions if you find rust on the apparatus, you should rub the area with steel wool to remove the rust.
5. Check the welds. Look for any surface flaws or imperfections in the weld using hand pressure, try and pull and twist the weld. If the welded joint fails this inspection, immediately take the unit out of service and consult the manufacturer.
6. Inspect any attached ropes or cables. If the ropes or cables show any imperfections or signs of excess wear, alert the office.
7. Inspect any rigging components according to the manufacturer's instructions. If the rigging components show any imperfections or signs of excess wear, alert the office.
8. Inspect the padding and fabric covers according to the manufacturer's instructions. If the padding or fabric show any signs of excess wear, alert the office.
9. Check the rigging components for signs of excess wear. If any rigging component shows signs of excess wear, alert the office.
10. Re-tape the unit.

SILKS

> DAILY CHECKS:

1. All carabiners are tight and in the correct orientation.
2. All silks dropped in, twists out and preset for use.

> MONTHLY CHECKS:

1. Visual/physical inspection of all equipment (slings, spansets, silks).
2. Remove the apparatus from the rigging.
3. Remove the fabric from the fabric from the cloche or rescue-8.
4. Check for tears in the fabric or signs of excess wear. If the fabric has tears in it, or shows other signs of excess wear, replace the aerial fabric.
5. Smell the fabric. If the fabric smells mildly, apply febreze or another spray on fabric odour control product to the material to control the smell. If the odour can not be adequately controlled with a spray on fabric odour control product, perform a full inspection.
6. Check the rigging components for signs of excess wear. If any rigging component shows signs of excess wear, replace the component

> SIX MONTHLY CHECKS:

1. Visual/physical inspection of all equipment (slings, spansets, silks).
2. Remove the apparatus from the rigging.
3. Remove the fabric from the fabric from the fabric hanger or rescue-8.
4. Check for tears in the fabric or signs of excess wear. If the fabric has tears in it, or shows other signs of excess wear, replace the aerial fabric
5. Wash the fabric according to the manufacturer's instructions. Use a front-loading machine if possible. Use mild detergent only (do not use softeners, bleach, etc), baking soda is useful for removing odour. Allow the material to hang dry - if you use a dryer make sure it is on a cool setting. Do not apply heat to the fabric.
6. Check the rigging components for signs of excess wear. If any rigging component shows signs of excess wear, replace the component.
7. Recheck the body of the fabric for tears in the fabric or signs of excess wear. If the fabric has tears in it, or shows other signs of excess wear, replace the aerial fabric.

STILTS

1. Condition of stilts should be good and clean. Any unnecessary dirt or wear is to be reported.
2. All bolts should be tight.
3. Check for wear in all straps, and make sure all clips and fasteners are secure and undamaged.
4. Stilts should be set up to personal alignment, the upright bar next to the leg should be at 90° to the floor.
The stilts should be upright and not twisted.