SOP – B0067 Assembly and safe use of gazebos, marquees and parasols

| Cloth | Blue |
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| Chemicals | Washing up liquid |
| Reference | Safety policies COSHH manual Risk Assessment manual Security Risk Assessment Assembly video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IR7IUS51dNk |
| Equipment | Protex 50 (3m x 3m) gazebo Steel leg weights, water bags or anchor straps and stakes (as applicable) Gazebo sidewalls Gazebo guttering Parasols |

Step 1



- Assembly of the 3m x 3m gazebo is a two person task and must not be completed by just one person.
- Any marquee which is larger than 3m x 3m must be assembled by an approved contractor.
- Do not attempt to assemble any gazebo in windy weather conditions.
- Care must be taken to prevent trapping fingers whilst assembling a gazebo.

Prior to assembling the gazebo, ensure that it:

- Is situated on a level surface.
- Does not obstruct any fire exits or block any fire escape routes.
- Does not obstruct any external CCTV cameras.

Step 2



- Place the gazebo in the middle of the area where it is going to be located.
- Open it half way out by pulling two opposite legs away from each other.

Step 3



Roll the canopy over the corner joints to decrease the tension.

Step 4



- Each person must take hold of the bottom of the concertina section on opposite sides of the frame.
- Lift the frame slightly off the ground to prevent friction and then walk away from the other person until the frame is opened out approximately two-thirds.

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Step 5



• In the centre of the side section of the frame, take the top and the bottom part of the concertina and push towards each other.

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- One person must move underneath the canopy and push the top and bottom parts of central concertina together.
- The other person must lift the sliding joints on the legs up until all joints are locked in position.

Step 7



Roll the canopy back down on the corners.

Step 8





- At two corners on the same side, release the joints at the bottom of each leg and extend the legs.
- After the inner part of the leg slides out, lock in the lowest of the five height positions.
- Repeat this until all of the legs have been extended.
- The total height of the gazebo can then be adjusted as required.

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Step 9





- Once the gazebo is assembled and situated in the correct location, it must be anchored in place using steel leg weights.
- Slide one steel leg weight over the footplate at the bottom of the leg.
- From the underneath of the weight, insert bolts through each hole in the weight such that the bolts are pointing upwards.
- Slide the second steel leg weight into place from the opposite direction to the first one, and guide the bolts through the holes in the second weight.
- Place a washer and nut onto each bolt and tighten by hand.
- Repeat this process for every leg.
- Water bags must only be used as weights for any marquee which is larger than 3m x 3m.

Step 10



- To prevent it from being classed as an indoor space, a maximum of two sidewalls can be attached to a gazebo.
- Guttering can be attached to the gazebo to direct rain water away from the open sides.

Step 11



If the gazebo is on soft ground e.g. grass:

- Anchor straps and stakes may also be used to secure the gazebo to the ground.
- Care must be taken to ensure that the anchor straps and stakes do not pose a trip hazard.
- The anchor straps must be attached to the gazebo frame and not to the canopy.

Step 12



Parasols

- Parasols must be placed into a secure base.
- Ensure that parasols are kept away from any source of heat e.g. patio heaters.
- Parasols must not be grouped close together, and must not obstruct any fire exits or block any fire escape routes.

Step 13



- On a daily basis, check that gazebos, parasols and marquees are clean, in good condition and securely positioned.
- If required, use warm soapy water and a clean blue cloth to wipe down the frame and canopy.
- Check to ensure that gazebos and marquees have no bent poles or damaged walls / roofs.
- Ensure all weights and/or water bags are in good condition and securely attached. Ensure water bags are full and not deflated.
- Check to ensure all anchor straps are taught, and adjust if required.
- If there is any sign of damage, do not use the gazebo or marquee. Cordon off the area to prevent customer use, and arrange for a repair or replacement as required.

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Step 14



If strong winds are forecast:

- Remove the canopy from the gazebo frame for the duration of the bad weather.
 Where this is not possible, the gazebo will need to be dismantled and stored safely in a back of house area.
- Fold down all parasols or remove them from their base and store safely in a back of house area.
- Where parasols are removed, ensure that the base does not present a trip hazard.