

Guidelines for the Usage of Light Emitting Wreaths and Inflatables at Funeral Wakes

1. The use of light emitting wreaths and inflatables in an excessive manner have resulted in growing public dis-amenities and safety concerns. These include light and noise pollution, obstruction to pedestrian traffic, obstruction of motorist line of sight, potential power trips and trip/falling hazard.

2. The following guidelines are intended to provide guidance to premises owners and the industry on the quantity and operational conditions for light emitting wreaths and inflatables deployed at the funeral wakes.

3. Placement:
 - a) Limit to 10 light emitting wreaths (inclusive of up to 1 inflatable) deployed at each funeral wake. The light emitting wreaths shall not exceed 2.6 metres in height and 1.5 metres in breadth. The inflatable should not exceed 4.0 metres in length by 1.0 metre in breadth and 3.2 metres in height so as not to obstruct the view of residents and motorists.
 - b) Deployment shall be confined to funeral wake area (e.g. HDB void decks, pavilion) and is subjected to conditions and approvals from Town Councils and / or relevant authority.
 - c) Inflatables such as tower lanterns, gates, arches, shall be properly secured and be cordoned off with a minimum of 2 metres radius surrounding the installation. Do not place such inflatables at the block entrance, such as lift lobby areas, drop-off/pick-up points. The installation shall not exceed 3.2 metres in height or below the window of the 2nd floor flats, whichever is lower.
 - d) If light emitting wreaths and inflatables are placed within common spaces such as pedestrian walkways and pavement, there should be clear demarcation to allow a proper walking space of at least 1.5 metres clearance within the designated pedestrian walkway and pavement to accommodate pedestrians on foot or on wheelchair.
 - e) Do not place any light emitting wreaths and inflatables near carparks, roads, walkways, business entities or residences, which will obstruct traffic / motorists / pedestrians and to have consideration for the safety of the motorists and pedestrians.
 - f) Light emitting wreaths and inflatable are not to be placed within 5 metres of any carpark or parked vehicle or location alongside a road.
 - g) Light emitting wreaths and inflatables should not be located within 5 metres from a fire hydrant and should not obstruct any fire safety provisions.

4. Installation and Operation:
 - a) No setup and dismantling of light emitting wreaths and inflatables from 10pm to 8am daily.

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4. Installation and Operation (Cont'd):

- b) Light emitting wreaths and inflatables along with pumps for the inflatables are not to be turned on from 10pm to 8am next day to prevent light and noise pollution respectively.
- c) Any persons and / or companies who deploys generator must be mindful of the location of generator(s) at funeral wakes e.g. not near to residential / business units so as not to cause any inconvenience to others.
- d) A supply installation (SI) licence is required where one or more generators are used as the source of electricity for the provision of electricity supply solely for his own use and where there is no existing installation licence.
- e) The Licensed Electrical Worker (LEW) in charge of the installation is required to apply for the SI licence for the usage of the generator(s).
- f) The LEW, generator provider and funeral service providers must ensure that the generator is not installed in a hazardous location and it is properly barricaded to prevent access by unauthorised persons.
- g) Any persons and / or companies who deploys or install the light emitting wreaths and inflatables shall be responsible for the safe use of these wreaths and inflatables at the funeral wakes.
- h) Light emitting wreaths and inflatables and their associated electrical installations works used at public spaces must obtain Town Councils or relevant authorities' written permission.
- i) Town Councils or relevant authorities' written permission is required for deviations from these guidelines.

I have read and understand the above the guidelines. By using the facilities for funeral wake, I agree to abide by them and fully cooperate with the Town Council to address any public dis-amenities and safety concern.