



Important Instructions

Before using Waterwalkerz with your customers, please make sure that you have carefully studied the videos and these instructions, have practiced with your staff and have contacted us with any questions.

See the Videos here: www.waterwalkerz.com/instructions.html

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Zip Lubrication

Never attempt to move a stiff zip and Never Force a zip!!!

Always make sure that it is lubricated and wet before trying to operate it. Lubricate inside the teeth and the outside part, zip up and down and rub the excess onto and into the zip.

The T-zip Manufacturer recommends the below lubricants however they can be expensive so many people just use fairy liquid or various other kind of lubricants. There is the possibility that these other lubricants may eventually degrade the zip over time. Whatever lubricant you use you should always clean and dry the balls after use.

Get lubricant from any local diving shop or www.beaversports.co.uk

Zip Tech



Aquaseal Zipper Lubricant



Aqualube



How to put people in the ball, inflate the ball and do up the Zip

Position the ball so it will be zipped from the top down and in a good position for when you put the blower tube in



Open the zip all the way so that the person can easily get inside. The best way is usually to step inside rather than crawl in head first, but it doesn't really matter.



Then hold the handle, hold the zip straight and pull the zip in a straight and smooth motion leaving a few (maybe 6-10) inches at the end for the blower tube.

Put the tube in this position, don't put your hand inside the zip but rather pinch the blue tube from outside of the ball. It should be against the side of the ball rather than facing into it or in any other angle. Both of these actions mean that there will be less pressure on the zip.



Your other hand, which is holding the handle, can help to maneuver and keep the ball into the best position to get it completely full.

When the ball is completely inflated you will know by the shape of the ball and the changing sound of the air going into the ball. Tap or slap the sides of the ball and make sure the person inside is not getting in the way of the ball becoming completely inflated (you may have to ask them to move their feet/stand-up etc).

When you are satisfied that the ball is completely full you should get ready to close the zip, so move your hand from holding the handle to the last part of the already closed part of the zip. You then slowly take the tube out.

The zip should then pop into place at the bottom.

In this picture the left hand will slowly zip the remaining part of the zip while the right hand will put a small amount of pressure on the zip (to take the pressure off the zip from the air in the ball) then the right hand follows the left hand and the zip down to the bottom.



You should then look and run your hand along the zip to make sure that the zip is closed all the way along and that there are no gaps



Take your time, don't rush, it's ok to allow a few seconds of air to escape

With a little practice you should be able to inflate the balls in 60-90 seconds.

Getting the ball in and out of the water and Supervision



The first picture shows the rider standing up when entering the pool and many people allow this. By pushing the ball away from the poolside they can always avoid the rider hitting their head even if they fall backwards. However the safest way is to have the rider enter and exit from a sitting position. So we suggest this. When the balls are on the water they should be easy to control with the ropes and they should be pushed away from the sides of the pool when they come too close. When exiting the pool you **MUST** make sure that they are sitting.

Carefully supervise the balls at all times making sure that you let people out when they want to stop.
Limit Rides to 5 minutes Maximum, 15 Stone Maximum Weight Limit
Limit it to lighter people to prolong the life of the balls
One person should not have more than 6x 5-minute sessions in 1 day

The balls must always be carefully supervised and tethered
(either with ropes tied to something or ropes held by the lifeguard)

A mat can also act as a ramp to get the balls in and out of the pool easily.
This is especially important if the pool is not deck level (or nearly deck level).

There must be adequate barriers and signage to stop spectators or waiting customers interfering with equipment such as the ball and blower. It should also prevent the operator becoming distracted who should be constantly supervising the customer inside the ball.

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Make sure people do not have any sharp objects with them or on them.
Always ride barefoot! If people have sharp toenails then perhaps they should wear socks.
Completely deflate and inflate the balls each time so that each person has new and fresh air.
Only 1 person in a ball at one time (never have 2 people inside 1 ball)

Electric Blower

Make sure that the blower will not fall or get knocked over
(it can be attached to a heavier base).

Make sure that the blower or electrical cables do not get wet. Keep well away from the water. Turn the blower off when you are not using it. You can inflate the ball away from the water and then roll the ball in. Many people have the blower in a store cupboard with only the tube coming onto poolside

Please only use our blue tube that we supply with the balls. Feel free to cut some of the length off, we have made it extra long so that you have the choice of a long or short tube.



Possible problems with the zips

You should only have problems if you do not follow these instructions properly. If the zip opens up at some point in the zip it will most likely be because it is too stiff and needs lubrication/to be wet.

Or possibly there is something caught inside the zip (but this is only likely if you are using the ball outside).

If you do get dirt inside the zip, hose it out and clean it with a nail brush and fairy liquid. If the zip opens up just at the end when you have blown up the ball and when you are trying to close the last part this will be because one of the above or because you are not following the instructions properly (e.g. your hand is inside the zip, you are rushing it and not allowing any air to escape, you have it in an awkward position, you are not taking enough pressure off the zip by using your other hand etc).

If it opens up at this last part, you should be able to just pull it back slightly then re-close it, if 2 much air has escaped then you can put the tube back in for a bit.

Handles

Don't put too much pressure on the handles. Use them only for carefully maneuvering the balls and for operating the zip properly. If they start to come away from the ball, simply glue them back on. After gluing them back on they might not be as strong as before so be extra careful/use the anchor points by tying a small piece of rope to it or use the Velcro cover to maneuver the ball.

Ropes and Anchor Points

Do not pull the ropes violently, pull them slowly and gently to maneuver the ball in the water. If you tie the ropes rather than hold them make sure they are not tugged hard (maybe add springs, swivels elasticized rope etc). If the rope holes are pulled hard they may come off and cause more damage to the ball. Make sure that the ropes/cables cannot be tripped over and cannot cause harm if suddenly pulled (if you are standing on a rope with bare feet and the rope is pulled suddenly it will hurt). Be careful to not get rope burns if you are holding the ropes, either wear gloves or hold it loosely and be aware that the ball may suddenly tug it from you.

Velcro Cover

This is to take pressure off the zip. When you first use it, it will be stiff. So when pulling it, you should support the other side so that you will not pull it away from the ball. Be careful that it does not hurt your riders by holding it away from them (it will become easier and less rough after a while)

Storage etc

After each session you should inflate, hose the outside and dry them before storage. Also clean the inside of the balls after each session by simply getting inside and wiping around with 'child safe disinfectant'. You could also turn the balls inside out to clean them. Store and keep dry after cleaning the inside and outside of the ball, do not pack or fold tightly.

Punctures

You should never let anything near the balls that may cause a puncture (rough edges, stones, jewelry etc). If you do have a puncture simply patch it with the glue and patches that we have given you. For extra grip you can make both surfaces a little rough with sandpaper. You should patch the hole from both sides of the ball for added strength. More glue can be purchased from www.beaversports.co.uk

Other Important Info

Minimum Depth of pool = 30cm

At the first sign of any problems with the balls such as water entering and the person getting wet or the person inside being distressed you should let them out immediately.

In the very unlikely event that it was impossible to get the zip open you could easily cut the ball open with something like a Stanley knife to release someone from the ball.

Please watch the Waterwalkerz Instructional Videos for more help

Waterwalkerz for lakes, beaches etc

If you are using Waterwalkerz somewhere other than a swimming pool then the same information and guidelines apply. However there are a few other points that you should consider.

Be extra careful about stones etc that may damage the balls

Be extra careful that people do not have anything sharp in their pockets, jewelry etc

Consider having 2 ropes on each ball and use stronger rope (as a back-up)

Have a boat/kayak ready just in case you need to retrieve a ball if the rope has either broken or has come loose.

Be careful that other boats etc cannot pose a danger to the people in the Waterwalkerz or vice versa.

Waterwalkerz could be used in rain but make sure the electric blower and cables do not get wet.

You will also have to regularly clean the balls (hose them down) to keep a nice appearance

If you use Waterwalkerz on a beach then be aware that sand will get stuck in the zip and will need to be hosed out. It would be advisable to launch from a platform or matting.

We strongly recommend keeping the balls and zips well away from any sand

It may be worth asking us for a ball with a different kind of zip or trying 2 different kinds of zips.

It is also advisable to make sure that riders clean any sand from their feet and body before getting in the balls (as much as possible anyway).

You must not run the activity in rough weather and you should have a buoyed-off area, use strong ropes (and a safety rope).



Example Risk Assessment

Hazard	Expected Outcome	Who is Affected?	Risk Before	Action Taken	Risk After
Faulty equipment	Bruises, cuts and abrasions	Group	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All equipment should be checked by the Instructor prior to, during and after the session. 	Low
Misuse of equipment	Injuries due to misuse of equipment	Group	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor to brief group of the correct usage of the equipment. Instructors should remain vigilant to ensure groups are using equipment as briefed. 	Low
Incorrectly fitted equipment	Drowning	Group	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All PPE should be checked by the Instructors prior to participants entering the water and must be constantly monitored. A trained lifeguard will be on duty at all times. 	Low
Wet pool side	Slips, trips and falls	Group/ Instructor	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor should brief the group with the pool rules. This should include walking around pool sides. 	Low
Equipment around the pool	Slips, trips and falls	Group/ Instructor	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor to check for any hazardous objects prior to the session and remove if necessary. 	Low
Other water users	Collision with other people	Group/ Public	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activity area should be roped off. Instructor should remain vigilant of other guests entering the roped off area. 	Low
Pool sides	Injuries from falling onto a wall	Group/ Instructor	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor must control the water walker by holding the rope at all times. Participants briefed to stay away from the pool sides. 	Low
Waterwalker Zip	Drowning	Group	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Instructor to check zip is done up correctly before launch. Instructor to ensure that the Velcro is correctly done up on plastic covering before launch. Instructor to remain vigilant, and hold on to cord at all times. 	Low
Electric Pump	Electrocution	Instructor	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only instructors should operate the pump. Instructors should ensure that the cable and pump are kept as dry as possible. 	Low

Ride at your own Risk



Maximum weight = 15 stone Minimum age = 5 years.

Not suitable for anyone suffering from high blood pressure, any heart condition or epilepsy.

You must not ride if you are pregnant, under the influence of alcohol or drugs, have any back or neck problems or have had an operation within the past twelve months.

You must not ride if you are undergoing any medical treatment or have any other condition that may be affected by participating in such an activity.

Do not attempt to damage the ball in any way

Do not play with the zip

You must obey all of the operator's instructions

Water should not seep into the ball but if it does please wave or shout to the lifeguard who will immediately pull you back in with the safety rope.

The operator should make sure that all customers know and understand the warning, instructions, guidelines and risks.

The operator of the activity and riders in the balls take all responsibility of any accidents.