

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

The guidelines for the usage of light emitting wreaths and inflatables at funeral wakes (herein referred to as “Guidelines”) is jointly developed by the National Environment Agency (NEA) and the Association of Funeral Directors Singapore (AFD).

2. 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.

3. 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.

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 metres 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 subject 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. **The installation shall not exceed 3.2 metres in its height.**
- 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 inflatable should not be located **within 5 metres from a fire hydrant and should not obstruct any fire safety provisions.**

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Installation and Operation

- h. **No setup and dismantling** of light emitting wreaths and inflatables **from 10pm to 7am daily**.
- i. Light emitting wreaths and inflatables along with pumps for the inflatables **are not to be turned on from 10pm till 7am next day** to prevent light and noise pollution respectively.
- j. 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.
- k. 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.
- l. 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).
- m. 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 non-authorised persons**.
- n. **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.
- o. Light emitting wreaths and inflatables and their associated electrical installations works used at public spaces **must obtain** Town Councils or relevant authorities' **written permission**.
- p. Town Councils or relevant authorities' **written permission is required** for deviations from these guidelines.