

## General safety information for gazebos

- The installation must be done on flat, non-floodable ground and away from high voltage power lines. A minimum of two people are needed. Use gloves and be aware of potential pinching injuries.
- The whole structure must be securely fixed to the ground either with [leg weights \(15, 20 or 30 kg\)](#), pegs and guy ropes.
- A responsible person should be assigned to monitor weather conditions and maintain a watch on the gazebo at all times, ready to take it down if necessary.
- If your gazebo has side panels, ensure they are securely attached and zipped or fastened fully. Gazebo side panels can act like sails in the wind, so it's important to balance their use with adequate weight and anchoring.
- Check that pegs are secure and angled away from the gazebo so that if pulled hard by the guy rope they do not come loose or move.
- Excessive wind can damage gazebos or cause the fixings (see above) to fail which can lead to the structure moving at speed across the site potentially causing serious injuries. Windspeeds of over 20mph can be excessive, depending on the location. If gusts are causing the structure to move from side to side, the gazebo should be taken down immediately.
- Gazebos must not be erected or used in severe weather (strong winds or gusts, heavy rain or snow, thunderstorms). These weather conditions must be taken into account and if severe they MUST be dismantled.
- During heavy rain water can accumulate on the roof, which can cause the gazebo to collapse. Ensure it is always well tensioned and, if necessary, regularly remove water accumulated on the roof.
- Gazebos must be kept more than 3 metres from a flame or heat source. Do not make a fire or barbecue under or near the gazebo. Flammable or chemical, unstable or explosive products must not be stored in the gazebo.
- Ensure that there is an easily accessible escape route from the gazebo or tent, that is free of obstructions and trip hazards.

### Advised leg weights:

- Gazebos up to 3m x 3m: minimum of 15kg per leg
- Larger gazebos: minimum of 25kg per leg or more depending on size

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