



CANOPY TENT WEIGHT GUIDELINES

Most accidents at events involve tents. It is your responsibility to minimize the risk. Rules to remember:

- Your tent should be fully secured before setting up anything else. Staff will enforce this during set up.
- Be sure that your method of securing your tent to the ground does not create an additional hazard.
- Use appropriate tent weights and straps.

WEIGHTS

Weather can be unpredictable, and strong winds can turn tents into flying weapons. All event participants using a tent must have their own weights with a minimum of 40 pounds per tent leg. Gallon water jugs and bricks or blocks are not safe. A gallon of water weighs only 8 pounds and a single brick is worthless, weighing in at 3 pounds. PVC pipe filled with concrete tent weight sandbags, or canopy weight discs/plates are safe ways to weigh down your tents.

Setup and breakdown periods are when canopies consistently prove to be most vulnerable to wind. You must be sure to completely secure your tent as soon as you set it up. Take down your canopy as soon as you remove your weights after the event.

Do not let yourself be interrupted by anything during this process, as a half-secured canopy is as dangerous, if not more dangerous than an unsecured canopy.

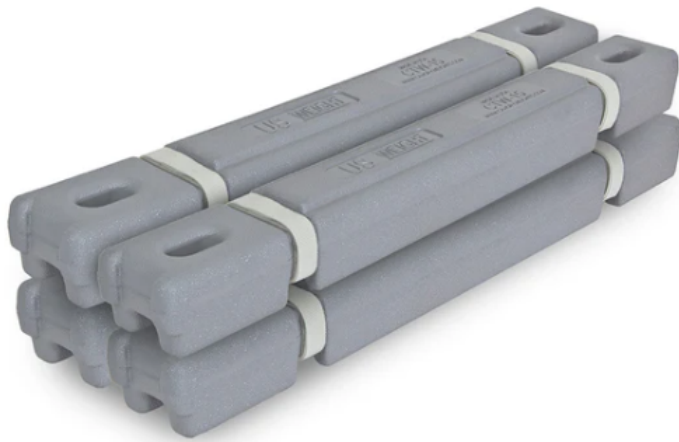
APPROVED WEIGHTS

- PVC pipe filled with concrete (40-50lbs per leg)
 - Can [DIY](#) using PVC and quickcrete
- EZ-Up sandbags [or similar](#)
 - Can purchase unfilled through Amazon
- [Canopy discs/plates](#) (40lbs per leg)
 - Can buy at Home Depot, Ace Hardware, etc.

WHAT IS NOT ALLOWED

- Gallon jugs, or larger jugs without handles molded into the body (handles can snap)
- Dumbbells (can't secure correctly to tent)
- Weightlifting plates (used for bodybuilding - cannot be secured adequately)
- Bricks (can't secure correctly AND not heavy enough)
- Concrete blocks/Cinder blocks (can't secure correctly AND create a tripping hazard)
- Merchandising racks
- Coolers, storage or other bins
- Stakes in the ground

EXAMPLES OF APPROVED TENT WEIGHTS



Participants who do not secure their tent properly will be told to immediately take down their tent. This is for the safety of everyone. Thank you for your cooperation.