

Booklet on toy balloons

Depending on the number of balloons and the location of the release, you must obtain an air traffic control clearance from the competent ATC unit according to Section 21 of the German Aviation Regulation (LuftVO). You need to obtain a clearance for a balloon release in the immediate vicinity (control zone) of

- international airports (such as Frankfurt),
 - regional airports (such as Augsburg),
 - military aerodromes (such as Nordholz),
- of more than 500 balloons.

You can only send requests for locations of release in Germany. The request has to be submitted [online](#) via the AIS Portal (www.dfs-ais.de). The AIS Portal also contains an FAQ section with the most frequently asked questions.

To release up to 500 balloons outside the protected areas (control zones) around airports described above, a clearance is deemed issued if the following conditions are complied with:

- the balloons are not bundled (so-called balloon clusters),
- no combustible gas is used to fill them,
- no hard objects (wood, plastic, metal, sparklers, glow sticks, chemical lights, LEDs) are fixed inside or outside the balloons.

Please remember as well that some events during which balloons are released may be considered a public event which requires official permission. Please contact the competent municipal office for public order to obtain further information.

Please submit your request in good time, if possible five days in advance. If you do not receive a reply within 24 hours, please check your spam folder. In urgent cases, please contact our hotline at the phone number (06103) 707-5580 .

Once you send this form, you agree to the processing and storing of your personal data.

In accordance with the German Federal Data Protection Act (BDSG), we assure you that your data will not be passed on to third parties or used for marketing purposes.