

Don't try this at home- Aerial Training

Often, we get enquiries about where to buy aerial equipment and how to install it at home. This question comes up in circus schools across the country. We never recommend it, and here's why...

Loadings

Did you know; Aerial points should be rated for a 1000kgs WLL @ 4:1 DF for a single point, exclusive of other loads in the support path?

Your home may not be strong enough for an aerial point. Aerial work can frequently generate high loadings, even with simple skills. It is not only the weight of the person and the equipment you need to consider. Be aware equipment and hanging points need regular inspection and maintenance to ensure safety. A professional should do this.

Liability and Safety

Corrugated Iron teaches through a proven progression path, which minimizes the risks by building up strength and confidence at an individual's pace. An incorrect wrap or being tired can create a dangerous situation.

Can you guarantee your child won't practice when you're not there?

Can you guarantee they won't 'teach their friend'?

Can you guarantee your child won't try something from YouTube that they haven't learnt in class?

YouTube is great for inspiration but please bring videos in to class, so the tutor can explain and spot your child through it.

Does your child recognize the level of difficulty in the skill they want to practice? Do they recognize whether they have the strength required?

Height

Did you know; The minimum useful height you need for tissue is 5 meters. The minimum space you need for most other static aerals is 4 meters.

Do you have an unobstructed space with 2m clearance in all directions?

You will need a crash mat and somewhere to store it.

Is your child ready to work without supervision?

Is your child in a Beginner's/ High Flyers class?

Does your child's tutor hover over them when doing aerial skills?

Does your child needs a lot of tutor motivation to work effectively?

Does the tutor need to remind your child about safety positioning?

If the answer is YES to any or all of these, they are not ready train at home.

Aerial art is a highly skilled activity with inherent dangers. We often have children tell us they 'kind of remember' a particular skill. This is not enough.

Insurance

Did you know; Homeowners insurance typically does NOT cover aerial arts. Check with your insurance provider.

Some homeowners' insurance companies will allow you to add an aerial point to your homeowners' policy or get a separate liability policy for it.

Corrugated Iron regularly inspects and maintains it's equipment and points, every six months, to ensure your child is safe. Equipment is visually monitored every class and any issues addressed. All our equipment is from reputable sources or hand made to particular specifications. All personnel inspecting or maintaining equipment are industry professionals with years of experience in their field.

Our advice is : keep training with the professionals and come to class!

