

Metallic Balloon Safety Tips

If you do give or receive metallic balloons, please remember these safety tips:

- Never intentionally release metallic balloons into the sky; remember, it's now prohibited by law in Hawaii!
- Always attach a small weight to the end of the ribbon or string that holds the helium-filled metallic balloon to keep it from floating away. Some ideas for a weight include a mug, small stuffed animal or heavy toy.
- Use only non-metallic string and make sure it is tied securely to the balloon at the sealing point.
- Do not remove balloon weights until the balloon has been deflated.
- Each metallic balloon should be individually attached to a weight. Avoid tying the balloons together. A cluster of balloons has a greater chance of accidentally rising and becoming entangled in power lines, increasing the potential for electrical problems or power outages.
- Properly dispose of metallic balloons. Cut balloons with scissors directly above the knot or sealing point to deflate it and immediately put the balloon in the trash.
- If you see a metallic balloon caught in a power line, DO NOT attempt to climb a utility pole or pull the string to recover it. Leave it alone and call Hawaiian Electric's trouble line at one of the following to report it:

O'ahu

1-855-304-1212

Maui County

Maui: (808) 871-7777

Moloka'i & Lāna'i:

Toll-free 1-877-871-8461

Hawai'i Island

(808) 969-6666



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