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# **Banner Installation & Care Guide**

Our banners are resistant to rain and fading from the sun. Wind can be a problem so attached the banner securely and you will have fewer problems from the wind.

#### The direct hanging method:

1. Position the banner in the space to be used.

2. Attach one corner at the proper height, and fasten very securely through the grommet. Use a washer if possible, to get a tighter hold around each grommet. Move to the next grommet. (Don't go to the other end, and don't skip a grommet, it causes the banner to sag). Continue until the top row is completed.

3. On the lower grommet, follow the same instructions, but do the outside corners first and work towards the centre. This prevents a rippling of the fabric. In many cases the bottom grommets are not attached directly to a wall, but are tied to ropes and secured by pulling out and down; this will usually work as well.

**Ropes:** This method should be used when direct installation is not possible or convenient.

**Remember:** The longer the rope used, the harder it becomes to remove the sag from the banner.

1. Position the banner (Same method as above)

2. Secure top ropes an even distance from the outside corners of the banner. These ropes should be attached high enough to compensate for the sag and weight of the banner.

3. Tie one corner of the banner to the rope through the grommet. Do not make a permanent knot at this time.

4. Tie other top corner, and pull tight. Check to see if banner is still centred and straight.

5. Pull the first corner tight again and secure firmly.

6. If you have the access, also tie remaining top grommets from above.

7. Repeat steps 2 through 5 for the bottom grommets.

8. WARNING: WHEN HANGING A BANNER BETWEEN TWO POLES, YOU MUST HAVE WIND SLITS IN THE BANNER TO KEEP IT FROM TEARING APART IN STRONG WINDS.

### Handling & Repairs

Your banner should last a long time and should be good for repeated use if handled properly.

<u>Storage</u>: The banner should always be <u>rolled up</u>, not folded. It should always be rolled with the <u>letters to the</u> <u>outside</u>. These two steps will prevent letter separation and air bubbles.

Cleaning: Use a solution of soapy water (i.e. Dawn dishwashing soap and water).

**<u>Tearing</u>**: The most common tears in banners will be around the grommets. When a grommet tears out it is almost always due to wind pull. If this happens a new grommet can be put in place of the old one. This is a fast procedure that can be repaired.

#### Bubbles/Separations:

Small bubbles are not a problem and need not be corrected. Large bubbles or separated letter can usually be reattached without problem. In a severe case, the individual letters may be replaced without having to replace the entire banner.