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Risk Assessment - Bouncy Castle

Hazard Area	Risk	Existing Controls	Likelihood 1-5	Severity 1-5	Risk Score L X S	Further action to take
Bouncy Castle	Over enthusiastic participants	Responsible person supervising at all times	3	2	6	Educate the hiree to follow the full terms and conditions as well as the terms of hire. Show safety cartoons if necessary to help educate the hiree.
Bouncy Castle	Danger of unnecessary injury	Responsible person supervising at all times to ensure that anyone with a history of back/neck problems, heart conditions, anyone who is feeling unwell, is suffering the effects of alcohol or drugs does not use the equipment at any time. This includes pregnant women	1	5	5	Educate the hiree to follow the full terms and conditions as well as the terms of hire. Show safety cartoons if necessary to help educate the hiree.
Bouncy Castle	Overloading or tipping over	Responsible person supervising at all times to ensure that no user weighing over 90kg or 14 stone is permitted to use the equipment at any time. Running from side to side is strictly forbidden	2	4	8	Educate the hiree to follow the full terms and conditions as well as the terms of hire. Show safety cartoons if necessary to help educate the hiree.
Bouncy Castle	Larger participants colliding with smaller participants	Responsible person supervising at all times, ensuring participants are placed in weight/height categories or in similar categories for safe use. Please follow the manufacturers guidance on the front of the inflatable.	2	5	10	Educate the hiree to follow the full terms and conditions as well as the terms of hire. Show safety cartoons if necessary to help educate the hiree.



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Bouncy Castle	Adverse weather conditions - WIND	Inflatables are not permitted to be used in strong winds (over 24mph) including gusts. Windy conditions can be deemed a health and safety risk. All staff carry anemometers to check wind speeds regularly.	Dependant on weather	Dependant on weather	Dependant on weather	Educate the hiree to follow the full terms and conditions as well as the terms of hire. If winds are expected after set up or at any point during hire, educate the hiree on when and how to check if the wind speeds are safe.
Bouncy Castle	Danger of injury from hard surfaces	Responsible person supervising at all times to ensure that the inflatable is never mounted unless the inflatable bed is fully inflated, whether the inflatable is in use or not as this can cause serious injury.	1	4	4	Educate the hiree to follow the full terms and conditions as well as the terms of hire. Show safety cartoons if necessary to help educate the hiree.
Bouncy Castle	Injury through lack of supervision	A responsible person must be present at all times to supervise the equipment. In the event that the supervising person is not in view do not enter under any circumstances.	2	5	10	Show safety cartoons if necessary to help educate the hiree on how to control and better organise their supervision techniques.
Bouncy Castle	Tripping over anchorage points, spare equipment, electrical cables	Anchor points used as per manufacturers instructions and spare equipment erected safely or stowed away. Where possible electrical cables do not cross any public pathway	1	1	1	In the event of large numbers of participants attending or a large event additional safety fencing will be erected.
Bouncy Castle	Injury through incorrect positioning	Do not move or try to reposition the equipment under any circumstances and ensure that the anchors are in place at all times	1	2	2	Educate the hiree to follow the full terms and conditions as well as the terms of hire



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Bouncy Castle	Petrol blower, Generator, Risk of fire	Blowers/generators filled with fuel before delivery, units are fire retardant	1	5	5	All spare fuel is stored in suitable marked containers and kept in a safe location. Units are to be switched off during refuelling.
Bouncy Castle	Choking	A responsible person supervising to ensure that no food, drinks or chewing gum are allowed on or near the equipment	1	5	5	Educate the hiree to follow the full terms and conditions as well as the terms of hire. Show safety cartoons if necessary to help educate the hiree.
Bouncy Castle	Injury through 3 rd party items and 3 rd party bodies/spectators	All shoes, glasses, jewellery and badges must be removed before using the equipment. Always ensure that the area surrounding the activity is not overcrowded and free from objects.	3	3	9	Educate the hiree to follow the full terms and conditions as well as the terms of hire. In the event of large numbers of participants attending or a large event additional safety fencing will be erected.
Bouncy Castle	Danger of fire	No smoking or barbecues near the inflatable at any time	1	5	5	Educate the hiree to follow the full terms and conditions as well as the terms of hire. Show safety cartoons if necessary to help educate the hiree.
Bouncy Castle	Danger of falling from height	Climbing, hanging or sitting on walls is DANGEROUS and must not be allowed at any time. This rule is exceptionally important when the inflatable is erected on hard surfaces.	1	3	3	Educate the hiree to follow the full terms and conditions as well as the terms of hire. Show safety cartoons if necessary to help educate the hiree.
Bouncy Castle	Emergency	In the event that someone is seriously injured DO NOT move the individual, remove all other users, leave the inflatable switched on and dial 999 immediately	1	5	5	Assist first/emergency aiders and log details in accident book.
Bouncy Castle	Injury through lack of inflatable pressure or suffocation	Do not allow anyone to be on the inflatable during inflation or deflation as this can be extremely dangerous	1	5	5	Educate the hiree to follow the full terms and conditions as well as the terms of hire. Show safety cartoons if necessary to help educate the hiree.



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L=Likelihood

S=Severity

L*S= Risk

1=Low

5=High

Risk is worked out using numbers 1 - 5. The likelihood is given a number and this is multiplied by the number given to the severity of the risk.

The result = the risk factor. This risk assessment covers basic practice; it also has the most common risks, preventions and outcomes. If more detailed risk assessments are needed then they should be done in accordance with your event or company regulations and policies. A score of 25 is the worst possible outcome, any item reaching 25 would give serious cause for concern and we would not be able to erect the unit. Again it is recommended that clients undertake their own risk assessment to suit their requirements.

Definitions and Interpretation:

Responsible person – A person over 18 years of age whom is free from alcohol and drugs (prescription or not).

Trained operators can be supplied – refusal of trained staff can be made and dry hire agreements can be implemented. This passes all liability to the hiree and users of the equipment. Mutleys Inflatables can't be held liable for any accidents and injury caused during dry hire periods.

A fully trained operator / hiree – A member of the Mutleys Inflatables team or a trained hiree who has been shown the equipment and read / signed the terms of hire and agreed to the full terms and conditions

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