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## **Risk Assessment - Childrens Soft Play**

Hazard Area	Risk	<b>Existing Controls</b>	Likelihood 1-5	Severity 1-5	Risk Score L X S	Further action to take	
Childrens Soft Play	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.	
Childrens Soft Play	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.	
Childrens Soft Play	Users falling over during activity	Ensure all use is within the limits of the mats provided. No hard objects are to be placed on or near the mats provided	5	1	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.	
Childrens Soft Play	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 equipment	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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Childrens Soft Play	Overcrowding of equipment	A responsible person must be present at all times. Ensure that users have plenty of room in and around the matted area/soft play shapes.	2	2	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.
Childrens Soft Play	Injury through de- lamination or foam being exposed	Visual inspection carried out prior to set up	1	1	1	Educate the hiree to remove defected or broken equipment throughout the period of the event/party
Childrens Soft Play	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.
Childrens Soft Play	Balls/soft play being thrown	Responsible person supervising at all times. Throwing equipment is not permitted under any circumstances	3	1	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.
Childrens Soft Play	Choking	A responsible person supervising to ensure that no food, drinks or chewing gum are allowed on or near the equipment. Ensure users do not put ball pit balls into their mouths, this is also for hygiene reasons.	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. Ensure broken balls are removed through the period of the event/party.

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Childrens Soft Play	Injury through 3 <sup>rd</sup> party items and 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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.
Childrens Soft Play	Danger of fire	No smoking or barbecues near the soft play 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.
Childrens Soft Play	Emergency	In the event that someone is seriously injured DO NOT move the individual, remove all other users and dial 999 immediately	1	5	5	Assist first/emergency aiders and log details in accident book.

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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 cased 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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