

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 & Jumping over unit	Responsible person supervising at all times.	2	1	2	In the event of large numbers of participants trained operators should be supplied with the inflatable to aid with large numbers.
Bouncy Castle	Danger of unnecessary injury.	Ensure that no one with a history of back or neck problems or who suffers from a heart complaint uses the Inflatable or anyone who is feeling unwell or suffering the effects of alcohol or drugs & Pregnant women may NOT use any equipment at anytime. Persons with sensitive skin or very young children must not use the inflatable.	1	5	5	None
Bouncy Castle	Overloading or Tipping over.	No user weighing over 90kg or 14 stone is permitted to use the equipment at any time.	1	5	5	None
Bouncy Castle	Larger participants colliding with smaller participants	Responsible person supervising at all times.	1	1	1	Participants put in to groups of similar size.
Bouncy Castle	Adverse weather conditions.	The item will be switched off in heavy rain and is not permitted to run in strong winds over 24mph as both these conditions can be deemed a health and safety risk. This risk must be used in conjunction with our weather-safety-advice document.	Dependant on weather	Dependant on weather	Dependant on weather	Use a wind speed meter at all times and close the equipment when predicted speeds are over 24mph including gusts. Use the met office for data; https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/forecast
Bouncy Castle	Injury through lack of supervision.	At least 2 fully trained operators must be present with the equipment at all times, 2 per entrance and exit is advised.	1	5	5	In the event that the supervisors must leave there post, Equipment must be switched off and not used.
Bouncy Castle	Danger of injury from hard surfaces.	The inflatable must never be mounted unless the inflatable bed is fully inflated whether the inflatable is in operation or not as this can lead to serious injury.	1	4	4	None
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 cable does not cross any public pathway. Do not move or try to reposition the inflatable under any circumstances and ensure that the anchors are in place at all times.	1	1	1	In the event of large numbers of participants attending or large events, additional safety fencing is erected, electrical cables will be erected overhead or covered and
Bouncy Castle	Choking	No food drinks or chewing gum to be allowed on or near the Inflatable.	1	4	4	None
Bouncy Castle	Injury through 3 rd party items	All shoes, glasses, jewellery, badges MUST be removed before using this Inflatable.	1	5	5	None
Bouncy Castle	Danger of fire.	No smoking or barbecues near the Inflatable at any time.	1	5	5	None
Bouncy Castle	Injury through 3 rd party & spectators.	Always ensure that the area surrounding the Inflatable is not overcrowded.	2	3	6	None
Bouncy Castle	Emergency	In the event that someone is seriously injured, DO NOT move the individual, leave the inflatable switched on and dial 999 immediately.	1	5	5	None
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	2	2	None
Bouncy Castle	Injury through insecure anchorage.	Never use this unit without proper anchorage in place, It may be blown over in certain wind conditions, If the inflatable unit is not anchored correctly please ensure you tell the erection team before they leave as we keep a tight schedule and may not be able to return immediately. Please deflate in winds of over 24mph and again in wet weather	1	5	5	None
Bouncy Castle	Injury through drugs & alcohol	Licensed premises must provide appropriate Security Industry Authority (SIA) attendant to manage the users of our equipment. Our staff are in place to ensure the safe operation and maintenance of the equipment only and not to supervise users. Anyone found to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol will not be permitted to use the equipment under any circumstances. We reserve the right to refuse operation should no approved SIA staff be on site, which includes set up and pack up times.. A list of which can be found on the SIA website as follows: Click here to visit site.	1	5	5	None

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 generic risk assessment is brief and we have our own individual assessments for each individual risk, 25 being the worst possible outcome, any item reaching 25 would give serious cause for concern & we would not be able to erect the unit. It is recommended that clients undertake their own risk assessment to suit their requirements.