

Risk Assessment – Bouncy Castles / Inflatables

Name of activity, event, and location	Bouncy Castle / Inflatables	Date of risk assessment	29/03/2026	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Dan Howcroft
		Date of next review	29/03/2027	Version	1.0

Hazard Identified? / Risks from it?	Who is at risk?	How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed?	What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled?
Over enthusiastic participants	All	Responsible person supervising at all times. Rocking from side to side is NOT PERMITTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES	
Jumping over unit	All	Responsible person supervising at all times.	
Danger of unnecessary Injury	All	Ensure that no one with a history of back or neck problems or who suffers from a heart complaint uses the inflatable. Anyone who is feeling unwell or suffering the effects of alcohol or drugs or Pregnant may not use this equipment at any time.	
Overloading or Tipping over.	All	No user weighing the stated weight is permitted to use the equipment at any time.	
Adverse weather conditions.	All	Equipment to be switched off in heavy rain and is not permitted to be used in strong winds these conditions can be deemed a health and safety risk	
Danger of injury from hard surfaces	All	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.	

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Injury Through lack of supervision.	All	Constant supervision is required by a responsible adult	
Tripping over anchorage points, electrical equipment.	All	Anchor points used as per manufacturer's instructions and where possible electrical cables not to cross any public pathway	
Injury through incorrect positioning of equipment.	All	Do not move or try to reposition the inflatable under any circumstances and ensure that the anchors are in place at all times.	
Petrol Blower/ Generator, Risk of fire	All	Blowers/generators filled with fuel before delivery, units are fire retardant, the event to provide a working fire extinguisher for fuel (petrol).	
Chocking	All	No food, drinks or chewing gum to be allowed on or near the inflatable.	
Injury through 3rd party items and 3rd party bodies.	All	All shoes, glasses, jewellery, badges etc MUST be removed before using this inflatable. Always ensure the area surrounding the inflatable is not overcrowded.	
Danger of falling from height.	All	Climbing, hanging or sitting on walls is DANGEROUS and must not be allowed at any time. Equipment must always be supervised; this is of exceptional importance when the inflatable is erected on hard surfaces.	
Emergency	All	In the event that someone is seriously injured. DO NOT move the individual, leave the inflatable switched on and dial 999 immediately	

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Review due:

A risk assessment needs reviewing if circumstances change but also schedule regular reviews to ensure they are current, perhaps every 12 months? The review must include a detailed look at each element of the risk assessment in order to establish if any change is required.

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