



## Bounce & Party - Bouncy Castle Risk Assessment

### Putting up and taking down the Bouncy Castle: This will be completed by Bounce & Party

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	Likelihood 1 = Not likely 2 = Likely 3 = Very likely	Level of harm 1 = Minor injury 2 = Moderate injury 3 = Serious injury	Action that will be taken to prevent this hazard	Responsible person who will make sure that action is taken.
Area of setup	Those who are setting up the bouncy castle and the children that are using it.	2	3	<p>Ensure that the area of setup is large enough</p> <p>Ensure that the area of setup is grass for outdoor hires</p> <p>Ensure that the area of setup is suitable and free of sharpe objects on the ground</p> <p>Use a ground sheet for outdoor grass hires</p> <p>Ensure that the area of setup is free from any obstacles or too closer objects / hazards</p> <p>Ensure that the area of setup is does not have any power or communications cables are not above the setup site</p>	Rob - Bounce & Party

Bouncy castle is very heavy to lift and manoeuvre	Those who are transporting the bouncy castle, putting it up, or taking it down could injure their backs	2	1	To move the Bouncy Castle a suitable trolley will be used wherever possible  Advice will be followed on correct lifting procedures to prevent injury (using guidance from <a href="http://www.hse.gov.uk">www.hse.gov.uk</a> or other sources).  The Bouncy Castle will be rolled up as directed by the manufactures instructions, and secure it with the straps provided	Rob - Bounce & Party
Long electric power cable	Those who are setting up other stalls at the event could trip on the cable	2	1	Secure the power cable to the ground as soon as it is laid down, and do not remove the tape until cable is due to be wound up	Rob - Bounce & Party
Damage to the electric power cable	Anybody who touches the damaged cable could be electrocuted	1	3	Unroll the electric cable, and check the full length of the cable, plus any plugs or sockets Ensure that the power cable is plugged into power supply that has a trip switch OR use the power breaker supplied	Rob - Bounce & Party
<b>Outdoor:</b> Heavy duty stakes to be driven in using mallet, and removed at the end of the day	Those banging in the stakes could hit their hands Others in the area could be hit with the mallet	2	1	Hold the stakes halfway down when banging them in Knock the stakes sideways using the mallet before trying to pull them out Make sure the area is clear of other people	Rob - Bounce & Party
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<b>Indoor:</b> 25kg sand bags to be used and removed at the end of the day	Those carrying the sand bags to the location	2	1	Moving and handling procedures to be used.  Suitable wheeled trolley to be used	Rob - Bounce & Party
	Others tripping over the sandbags	2	1	Sand bags to be easily seen and attached to the bouncy caste	

The Bouncy Castle is wet when it's put away	Those rolling the Bouncy Castle up could be injured as it will be slippery and heavier if wet.	2	2	If possible, the bouncy castle will be dried out before it is put away	Rob - Bounce & Party
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### Using the bouncy castle: At least one adult will supervise the Bouncy Castle at all times

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Adults or older children jumping on the Bouncy Castle	Adults and older children could jump over the sides of the castle The seams of the castle could split causing it to deflate very quickly and injure all of those who are on it	2	3	The height restriction of 1.8m, and age restriction of upto 14 years, will be strictly enforced by those supervising the bouncy castle	Responsible adult provided by the customer / client
Larger children colliding with smaller children	Smaller children could be injured	2	3	Children will be grouped by age & height, and limited to 8 children at any one time	Responsible adult provided by the customer / client
Children jumping off or falling off the front of the Bouncy Castle	Children could be seriously injured	1	3	Crash mats will be put down in front of the Bouncy Castle on setup  At least one adult supervisor will be at the front of the Bouncy Castle at all times, and will ask children to move back if they come too close to the front of the Bouncy Castle	Rob - Bounce & Party  Responsible adult provided by the customer / client

Children colliding with each other whilst on the Bouncy Castle	Children could be injured	3	1	Responsible adult supervising the Bouncy Castle will ensure that children do not bump into each other or become overly boisterous	Responsible adult provided by the customer / client
Sharp objects that could puncture the Bouncy Castle	Children on the Bouncy Castle could be injured by sharp objects on the Bouncy Castle or if the Bouncy Castle got punctured and deflated	1	3	The Bouncy Castle will not be set up on concrete or gravel and will be checked thoroughly before it is used  Children will be asked to remove their shoes and any other sharp objects before they go on the Bouncy Castle	Rob - Bounce & Party  Responsible adult provided by the customer / client
<b>Outdoor:</b> Anchor points becoming untethered  <b>Indoor:</b> Anchor points becoming untethered	The bouncy castle could move or tip, causing injury to the children on it, or anyone standing near it	1	1	The Bouncy Castle will not be put up if the wind exceeds Force 5, (24 mph) i.e. small trees sway (not just their branches)  The Bouncy Castle will be tethered securely to the anchor points	Rob - Bounce & Party  Responsible adult provided by the customer / client
Anchor points and other equipment around the outside of the Bouncy Castle (such as the trolley)	People could trip over any of these items and injure themselves	1	1	Those setting up the Bouncy Castle will mark off the blower area with fencing, hazard tape or cones where appropriate	Rob - Bounce & Party
Bouncy Castle blower on ground near the Bouncy Castle	People could trip over the blower and injure themselves, or cut off the power and cause the Bouncy Castle to deflate	1	3	Those setting up the Bouncy Castle will mark off the blower area with fencing, hazard tape or cones	Rob - Bounce & Party

<p><b>Outdoor:</b> Bouncy Castle gets wet due to rain</p> <p><b>Indoor:</b> Bouncy Castle gets wet</p>	Children might slip and injure themselves	2	2	<p>The Bouncy Castle will not be used if it rains, and will be dried completely before children are allowed on it</p> <p>Food and drink will not be allowed on or near the Bouncy Castle</p>	Responsible adult provided by the customer / client
Using a petrol generator (the Bouncy Castle is supplied with an electric cable, but it can be used with a 3KVA generator, <b>not</b> supplied by Bounce & Party)	<p>If other appliances are run from the petrol generator there could be a reduction in power to the Bouncy Castle which could cause it to deflate</p> <p>The generator could catch fire, injuring those near it</p>	2	3	<p>No other appliances will be plugged into the generator</p> <p>A risk assessment shall be provide by the person / company providing the generator</p> <p>A fire extinguisher will be kept near the petrol generator</p>	Person or company providing the generator
People going on the Bouncy Castle after the event has finished and it is not longer being supervised	People could disregard the guidelines for safe use of the bouncy castle, and injure themselves or others. If they were injured, there may not be anyone nearby to help them.	2	3	The bouncy castle will be supervised all the time that it is inflated, and will be taken down as soon as possible after the event has finished.	<p>Rob - Bounce &amp; Party</p> <p>Responsible adult provided by the customer / client</p>