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Information Sheet for Health and Safety for the Customer

Jump Bouncy Castles operates a high standard of health and safety and will never operate outside of its Health and Safety guidelines. This information sheet is not a full guidance note on inflatable equipment but is basic advice to help prevent some of the easily avoided accidents. The advice is intended for those who are having a Bouncy Castle or other inflatable for private use.

You ("the Hirer") are responsible for any injury or damage occurring whilst the equipment is on hire and you are strongly advised to take out Public Liability Insurance covering the use of the Bouncy Castle and other Units whilst it is on hire to you. Each unit comes with an age limit. Please ensure no-one over this age uses the equipment

It is the responsibility of the person who is hiring this Inflatable to ensure that all possible steps are taken to avoid injury or damage to the Inflatable or to those people using the Inflatable. Please ensure that the following Safety Instructions are followed at all times of the hire:

SAFETY GUIDANCE (Hire Agreement Including terms & conditions of hire)

- * No adults are to use children's inflatable equipment.
- * A responsible Adult must supervise the Bouncy Castle at all times.
- * Supplied safety mats (for indoor use) must be used.
- * Do not move the castle, once it has been set up.
- * Anchor points must be checked during the hire period by you 'the hirer' to ensure castle is securely anchored to the ground and that the anchor points do not create a trip hazard.
- * All shoes, glasses, jewellery, badges **MUST** be removed before using the Bouncy Castle.
- * Climbing, hanging or sitting on walls is **DANGEROUS** and must not be allowed.
- * Food & Drink is strictly forbidden on any unit, which will avoid choking and mess (Please note if the Inflatable is collected in a dirty condition then the person hiring it will incur a cleaning charge)
- * Always ensure that the Bouncy Castle is not overcrowded, and limit numbers according to the age and size of Children using it. Try to avoid large and small Children from using it at the same time. 6 Children on a 10' x 10' castle and 8 Children on a 12' x 12' castle.
- * No Horse Play. Ensure children are not pushing, colliding, fighting or behaving in a manner likely to injure or cause distress to others.

- * Please ensure that Children are not attempting somersaults or acrobats and are clothed appropriately with empty pockets.
- * Do not allow anyone to bounce on the front safety step as a Child could easily be bounced off the inflatable and get hurt. The step is there to assist users in getting on or off, not for bouncing on! Ensure that no-one with a history of back or neck problems is allowed on the Bouncy Castle or anyone who is feeling unwell.
- * Do not allow anyone to be on the Bouncy Castle during inflation or deflation as this is DANGEROUS. Ensure that an area of 6 feet (2 metres) around the unit is completely clear No face paints, party poppers, coloured streamers or silly string to be used either on or near the Bouncy Castle. (These will stain the castle in wet weather)
- * No smoking or barbeques near the Bouncy Castle. No pets, toys or sharp instruments. The Bouncy Castle should not be used if it becomes wet on the jumping area. If no shower cover is fitted and in the event of rain, the unit should not be used In the event of heavy rain, it is strongly recommended that the Bouncy Castle be switched off. Any wetness, including bubbling (which is normal) can be dried with a towel when the weather permits.
- * In the event that the blower stops working, please ensure all users get off the inflatable immediately and contact 'Jump Bouncy Castles'.
- * If the Bouncy Castle is not being used for any part of the day, please switch the blower off at the mains.

ACCIDENTS WILL HAPPEN...

Children will suffer bumps and scrapes while playing on any inflatable. They would be worse off if we tried to prevent every single accident. Sadly, occasional tragic accidents occur while children are playing. Thankfully, they are few in number and can be very difficult to prevent without seriously restricting children's activity.

There are very few cases where people are successfully sued. This is because the claimant has to prove negligence, not just the fact that an accident has happened, no matter how serious the resultant injury. It is therefore very important that the inflatable is supervised at all times no matter what age range is using the equipment.

LINKS AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION

1. Child Accident Prevention Trust free sample leaflets on a wide variety of child safety issues www.capt.org.uk
2. Child Accident Prevention Trust Play Safety Services free leaflet "Urban Myths about children's playgrounds" www.capt.org.uk/play/main.htm
3. Children's Play Information Service (free leaflet approved by Health and Safety Executive) on "Managing Risk in Play provision" - accepts children get usual bumps and bruises when playing http://www.ncb.org.uk/Page.asp?originx6812in_1832991054480z44q6370913124
6. RoSPA advice on bouncy castles www.rospa.com/waterandleisuresafety/bouncy_castles.htm
7. Brief information on safe use of inflatables www.pipa.org.uk/playSafe.html