



## **Policy for the use of private hire bouncy castles or other inflatable items**

All hirers of bouncy castle and/or any other land-based inflatable, must ensure that:

- Access and use are controlled by an authorised adult employee/volunteer at all times.
- When used outside a building, it is securely anchored to the ground at each anchor point each anchor point is signed, or otherwise marked to be made easily visible, and wrapped to prevent injury.
- Soft matting is used to cover hard surfaces adjacent to the front or any open sides where there is a risk of injury from falling from the inflatable.

If the bouncy castle or inflatable is hired with a supervisor, the supplier must have their own Public Liability Insurance.

If there is any damage to the Village Hall, the hirer will be charged for the repair.

Using bouncy castles can increase the risk of injury, particularly to children and others who may not be aware of the dangers. Insurers offer the following risk management advice for overseeing bouncy castles:

*Take extra care to prevent injuries by making sure measures are put in place that help reduce this risk and our guidelines are:*

- *To follow the manufacturer's or supplier's safety recommendations*
- *Requiring children to remove sharp articles like shoes, buckles or jewellery*
- *Not allowing overcrowding, particularly by children (to help prevent knocking into each other)*
- *Not allowing a mix of large and small children at the same time (to avoid larger children crushing the smaller ones)*
- *Not allowing use by adults and children at the same time*
- *Not allowing any access to the very youngest children, e.g., under 2 years old*

These guidelines are not exhaustive.

Suppliers MUST provide a risk assessment which you MUST read, agree to, and sign off.

The use of bouncy castles and inflatables on our premises are at your own risk and we accept no responsibility for injury or damage.