

Rucklers Lane Community Association – Bouncy Castle Policy

Summary

Rucklers Lane Community Association (RLCA) does not provide any insurance for the use of bouncy castles and our insurance Policy does not cover use of bouncy castles. RLCA is only responsible for advising hirers that they must put appropriate arrangements in place and cannot accept any responsibility in the event of any accident.

Responsibility

Insurance is required, and it is the responsibility of the hirer to make sure liability insurance is in place.

Conditions

When booking, the hirer must declare that they intend to have a bouncy castle. This declaration will imply a commitment to make sure that:

- **Public/Personal liability insurance will be provided either by the supplier or the hirer.**
- The bouncy castle will be always supervised by an adult (over 18).

At the point of booking hall hire, the hirer must confirm that insurance is in place, and must be prepared to provide evidence for this.

RLCA reserves the right to prohibit the use of the castle, or even to cancel the booking if appropriate evidence is not provided on request.

The height of the bouncy castle should be no greater than 7 feet to prevent contact with the lights, fans and cross beams.

Please understand that these arrangements are necessary so that the hall trustees and the hirers can be sure that proper insurance is in place enabling hirers to run a happy event, knowing that they are properly insured.

Supervision and Safety Instructions

It is recommended that the hirer reads the Health and Safety Executive Guidance Note PM76 – “The Safe Operation of Inflatable Bouncing Devices” (this important guide deals with all aspects of safety) and ensures that the Hire Company (the supplier) fully complies with it.

The following guidance is based on best practice and are suggestions to help hirers manage the equipment: -

1. Follow the manufacturer or supplier's safety recommendations.
2. The castle must be adequately secured.
3. when used outside a building, the bouncy castle is securely anchored to the ground each anchor point is signed, or otherwise marked to be made easily visible, and wrapped to prevent trips.
4. Soft matting covering hard surfaces must be placed adjacent to the front or open sides.
5. There should be responsible adult supervision, always paying close attention to the children at play during its use.
6. The number of children using the bouncy castle must be limited to the number recommended in the Hire Company's safety instructions. There must be no overcrowding.
7. A rota system for different age or size groups should be operated together with the observance of any age limit of users (it is suggested that children over 10 years of age should not use the equipment).
8. Not allow any access to the very youngest children, e.g., under 2 years old
9. All children must be made to remove footwear, hard or sharp objects such as jewellery, buckles, pens, or other similar pocket contents.
10. Eating and drinking while bouncing or performing acrobatics must not be allowed.