

COVID-19 restarting face-to-face Scouts risk assessment

Name of section or activity	BOUNCY CASTLES	Date of risk assessment	01/06/2023	Name of person doing this risk assessment	Luke Joseph	COVID-19 readiness level	See Covid alert notification
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Injury's occurring from lifting and moving	Staff/Volunteers	M / H	Minimum of two people to lift and move castle. Where possible mechanical aides to be used such as sack trolley or trailer	
Slips trips and falls involving electric cable/ blower	Staff/Volunteers Participants	M	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Power cable to be run away from access routes and marked so that it can be easily identified. 2. Any excess cable to be stored either by the castle or by the power source 3. Blower to be visible and set close to castle. 	
Electrocution through damage to power cable.	Staff/Volunteers Participants	M	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visual checks of cable to be carried out before cable are plugged in each day. 2. motor to undergo annual safety test. 	
Injury's occurring from "staking out"	Staff/Volunteers	M / H	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anybody "staking out" bouncy castle should be competent with swinging tools. 2. Tools used for "staking out should be of a suitable size and nature for both the job and user. 	
Injury's occurring from putting away wet.	Staff/Volunteers	M	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Be aware that when wet the castle will be more difficult to grip and handle. 2. Be aware that when wet the castle will be significantly heavier. 3. Where possible allow the castle to dry before storage. 	
Unauthorised access to castle	Customers Trespassers	L	Motor to be removed at all times when not in use.	

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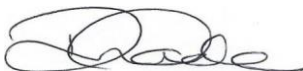
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Whilst in Use				
Injury's occurring from unruly behaviour	Participants	M	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Castle is to be supervised at all times by a member of the staff /volunteer team 2. Session to be stopped if necessary to regain a safe environment. 	
Overcrowding	Participants	L	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No more than 6 children to be allowed on castle at any time. 2. Children should be roughly the same age and size 	
Injury's/damage occurring from sharp objects.	Participants/Castle	L	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Castle will be set up away from anything sharp 2. Participants asked to remove anything sharp from their pockets 3. Participants asked to remove shoes. 	
Injury's occurring from Anchor points becoming untethered	Staff/Volunteers Participants	L	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anchor points will be regularly checked by supervisor. 2. Castle will be properly maintained. 3. In winds over force 6 (see beaufort scale) sessions to be stopped. 	
Injury's occurring from dangerous use.	Participants	M	Supervisor is to ensure that no "trampoline style" acrobatics are performed on the castle. This is a leading cause of neck injury in young people.	
Jumping off front of unit	Participants	L	Adult supervision at all time. Additional safety mats in front of unit	
Danger of injury due to hard surfaces	All users	H	Inflatable should never be used during inflating or deflation. Inflatable needs to be fully inflated	
Tripping over anchorage points/spare equipment/electrical cable -	Participants	M	All anchor points used as per manufacturers instructions and spare equipment leads etc either stowed/erected safely. In event of large number of participants attending, Where possible fencing erected. additional safety electrical cables does not cross any public pathway. If unavoidable cable erected overhead or covered.	

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Injury through incorrect positioning of the Inflatable. -	Participants/ other site users	M	Do not move or try to reposition the Unit or interfere with the anchor pegs or sandbags	
Choking	Participants	L	No eating, drinking or chewing gum whilst using inflatables	
Danger of unnecessary injury	Participants	M	Ensure that no one with a history of back or neck problems, or who suffers from a heart problem or is under the influence of drugs or alcohol uses the equipment	
Injury by collision between users.	Participants	M	All users should be of a similar size/weight Users that are too boistrous and refuse to behave responsibly should be removed from the inflatable.	
Injury through incorrect anchoring	Participants / All site users	L	anchor points used as per manufacturers instructions Pegs go in at a 45 degree angle, all the way in as to properly anchor the inflatable and prevent a tripping hazard	
Slide being used incorrectly - users should go down flat on their back, feet first	Participants	M	Adult supervision at all time	

Checked by Line Manager	Andy Moore Operations Director 06/06/2023 	Checked County Executive	Richard Wade County Chair Date: 08/06/2023 
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