

Lindridge Parish Hall
Reg. no. 523164
Bouncy Castles and Inflatables Policy

Lindridge Parish Hall does not provide any insurance for the use of bouncy castles and our insurance Policy does not cover use of bouncy castles. LPH 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

If you are hiring a bouncy castle and inviting guests, you can be held liable if one of them injures themselves.

All safety instructions must be followed including limiting the number of children who can use the bouncy castle at any one time. If this is exceeded and an accident occurs you could find yourself being sued. Personal liability insurance may already be part of your home insurance policy, so check with your insurance broker or ask the supplier of the Bouncy Castle if public liability insurance can be purchased with your hire. 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.

At the point of booking the hall the hirer must confirm that insurance is in place and must be prepared to provide evidence for this. LPH must be consulted as to the size and siting of a bouncy castle before it is hired.

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

Supervision and Safety Instructions

These following instructions are based on best practice and are suggestions to help hirers manage the equipment:-

1. The castle must be adequately secured
2. Soft matting covering hard surfaces must be placed adjacent to the front or open sides
3. There should be responsible adult supervision, paying close attention to the children at play at all times during its use
4. 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
5. 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)
6. All children must remove footwear, hard or sharp objects such as jewellery, buckles, pens and other similar pocket contents
7. Eating and drinking while bouncing or performing acrobatics must not be allowed.

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