

Stourpaine Village Hall – Bouncy Castles

We only allow bouncy castles provided by a proper hire company who:

1. 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);
2. Employs suitably experienced and trained adult personnel, where the Company are responsible for setting up, operation and supervision of the bouncy castle;
3. Provides written evidence of a current Public Liability Insurance Policy with a Limit of Indemnity of at least £5 million. This insurance is to cover the liability of the Hire Company. Note that this is unlikely to extend to cover the **hirer** of the equipment.
4. Provides written instructions about the safe setting up, operation and supervision of the equipment, and that the name and address of the manufacturer or supplier is clearly marked upon it.

Also, the following conditions apply to you as the hirer:

Hirers are required to follow these instructions.

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 Bouncy Castle 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 be made to remove footwear, hard or sharp objects such as jewellery, buckles, pens and other similar pocket contents.
7. Eating while bouncing or performing acrobatics must not be allowed.

You should also consider whether you need to take out your own public liability insurance, as the Hall's insurance wouldn't cover you in the event of an accident. If the company don't provide staff to supervise the castle you will need to take out public liability insurance. This is because if there is an accident, you as the hirer could be liable and be sued.

Sorry this may seem drastic but there have been several high profile accidents in recent years involving bouncy castles, which have resulted in not only deaths and serious injuries, but in claims against the premises owners.