

FYFIELD VILLAGE HALL

INFLATABLES POLICY

Summary

Fyfield Village Hall allows bouncy castles and land based inflatables ('Inflatables') to be used inside the hall subject to compliance with this policy. This ensures that the risks of:

- (a) injury to users of the hall; and
- (b) damage to the hall

are minimised and that insurance to cover any such risk is in place.

Responsibility of Hirer

The person named on the booking ('the Hirer') is responsible for ensuring compliance with this policy, including for ensuring that any supplier of Inflatables ('the Supplier') also complies.

A failure to comply with this policy may result in the Fyfield Village Hall Committee ('the Committee') retaining the damage deposit and claiming under the indemnity from the Hirer in accordance with the Fyfield Village Hall Conditions of Hire.

When booking, the Hirer must declare that they intend to use an Inflatable at the hall and provide the Supplier's details.

Supervision and Safety Conditions

The Hirer must ensure that for each Inflatable used:

1. access and use is controlled by an authorised adult at all times;
2. each anchor point is signed, or otherwise marked to be made easily visible, and wrapped to prevent injury;
3. 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;
4. all other appropriate precautions are in place to prevent accidents, including:
 - a. to follow the safety recommendations of the manufacturer of the Inflatable and the Supplier;
 - b. requiring children to remove sharp articles like shoes, buckles or jewellery;
 - c. not allowing overcrowding, particularly by children (to help prevent knocking into each other);
 - d. not allowing a mix of large and small children at the same time (to avoid larger children crushing the smaller ones);
 - e. not allowing use by adults and children at the same time; and

- f. not allowing any access to the very youngest children, e.g. under 2 years old;
and
5. all relevant statutory and other obligations and regulations imposed by any authority are complied with.

Permitted Inflatables

All Inflatables must comply with British Standard BS EN 14960 and have a current and valid test certificate from PIPA.

No Inflatable is to be higher than 9ft 6"/280cm.

Inflatables are only permitted in the Monica Couling Room.

Inflatables must not interfere with or obstruct any parts of the building, including ceilings, lighting, curtains, windows, doors and fire exits.

Inflatables must not be secured to the floor in any way – weighted bags must be used that do not cause damage to the floor.

The underside of Inflatables must not cause damage, eg scratching or indents, to the hall floor. Suitable protection must be laid under Inflatables if necessary to avoid damage to the floor.

The Supplier

The Hirer must ensure that the Supplier:

1. fully complies with the Health and Safety Executive Guidance Note PM76 – “The Safe Operation of Inflatable Bouncing Devices”;
2. where the Supplier is responsible for setting up, operation and supervision of the Inflatable, that it employs suitably experienced and trained adult personnel;
3. provides written evidence of a current Public Liability Insurance Policy with a Limit of Indemnity of at least £5 million to cover the liability of the Supplier; and
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.

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