**GUIDELINES FOR BOUNCY CASTLE USERS, HIRERS, OPERATORS, ATTENDANTS**



**Helping play safe and stay safe**

**Operator/Attendant Responsibilities**

The operational control of the inflatable play equipment at any time when it is intended to be available for use to include:

* Advise users to remove glasses.
* users to remove footwear (except socks) and any other hard, sharp or dangerous objects
* not allow users to consume food, drink or chew gum
* not allow users to obstruct entrances or exits
* not allow users to climb or hang on the walls
* restrict users to the minimum height stipulations
* maintain a clear view of the equipment and its entrances and exits
* only allow use of the equipment when it is fully inflated
* restrict users to any loading regulations that may be in force
* restrict users to appropriate age groups
* in all instances operate the equipment in line with the guidance given in the controllers instructions.
* Ensure the maximum number of children & age limits on each inflatable is enforced. These can be found on the inflatable itself, on the PIPA certificate, if you are unsure of any of this information, as a member of management.

Extract from HSE Information Sheet ETIS 7 Revised

**Safe use and operation of play inflatables, including bouncy castles**

**The following hazards have been known to occur:**

* instability and blowing away in windy conditions;
* situations caused by loss of pressure as a result of failure of the fabric zips and seams;
* failure or loss of power to the blower;
* disconnection of the blower;
* litter blocking the air intake and/or vents;
* falls from the structure;
* windows tearing or detaching;
* tripping (particularly over anchorages);
* injury to users caused by boisterous behaviour, overcrowding or not separating larger users from smaller ones;
* access to dangerous (parts of) machinery (e.g. inadequately protected, or unguarded, blower units);
* electrical hazards (e.g. shock or burns), if powered in this manner;
* inadequate means of escape in case of fire;
* lifting injuries caused by manual handling;
* injury to users caused by wearing inappropriate clothes and shoes;
* suffocation
* entrapment.

Please note that although the above is very important, new guidelines BS EN 14960:2006 came out in March 2007. (Copyright BSI).

Please sign the following page 2 to agree you have been trained in the following information.

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