

## **HIRE AGREEMENT**

ALL hirers MUST accept our terms and conditions below, and will be required to sign this agreement when the equipment is delivered.

It is the responsibility of the person who is hiring this Bouncing Castle to ensure that all possible steps are taken to avoid injury or damage to the Inflatable. Please ensure that the following Safety Instructions are followed:

- 1. The are age limits to some of the equipment. Please ensure no-one over the maximum age uses the equipment.
- 2. No food or drinks or chewing gum to be allowed on or near the Bouncy Castle which will avoid choking and mess.
- 3. All shoes, glasses, jewellery, badges MUST be removed before using the Bouncy Castle.
- 4. No face paints, party poppers, coloured streamers or silly string to be used either on or near the Bouncy Castle.
- 5. No smoking or barbeques near the Bouncy Castle.
- 6. Climbing, hanging or sitting on walls is DANGEROUS and must not be allowed.
- 7. A responsible Adult <u>must</u> supervise the Bouncy Castle at all times.
- 8. Always ensure that the Bouncy Castle is not overcrowded, and limit numbers according to the age and size of children using it. Try to avoid large and small Children from using it at the same time.
- 9. Please ensure Children are not pushing, colliding, fighting or behaving in a manner likely to injure or cause distress to others.
- 10. No pets, toys or sharp instruments are allowed on the equipment
- 11. If the Bouncy Castle is not being used for any part of the day, please switch the blower off at the mains.
- 12. Do not allow anyone to bounce on the front safety step as a Child could easily bounce off the Inflatable and get hurt. The step is there to assist users in getting on or off!
- 13. Ensure that no-one with a history of back or neck problems is allowed on the Bouncy Castle as indeed any Child who is feeling unwell.
- 14. Do not allow anyone to be on the Bouncy Castle during inflation or deflation as this is DANGEROUS.
- 15. Please ensure that Children are not attempting somersaults and are clothed appropriately and that nothing can fall out of their pockets.
- 16. Ensure that an area of 1 metre around the front and the side and 2 meters at the rear of the unit is completely clear.
- 17. The Bouncy Castle should not be used if it becomes wet on the jumping area. If no shower cover is fitted and in the event of rain, the unit should not be used



- 18. In the event of heavy rain, it is strongly recommended that the Bouncy Castle be switched off. Any wetness, including bubbling (which is normal) can be dried with a towel.
- 19. The bouncy castles should not be used or operated outside in winds of Beaufort WindScale 4 (13-18mph) Moderate Breeze. If in doubt please do not use.
- 20. If winds are above this we have a right to cancel the booking at any time due to Health & Safety purposes.
- 21. In the event that the blower stops working, please ensure all users get off the inflatable immediately. The blower has a safety reset button, try pressing this, also check the fuses and make sure the blower tube or deflation tube has not come undone or something has not blown onto and is obstructing the blower. In the event that it overheats, or loses power, switch the blower off at the mains, then switch it back on again 1 or 2 minutes later, and it should restart. If it does not, inform us straight away.
- 22. Please do not plug any other phone chargers etc in our extension leads with the castles as this can overload and blow the fuse.
- 23. We have a 48 hour cancellation policy, any cancellation after this period will be fully chargeable, and any deposits made will be non-refundable

## IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF ANYTHING, PLEASE CONTACT US IMMEDIATELY ON 07713 136 707

Please note that all persons using this Bouncy Castle do so at their own risk.

A-Star Bouncy Castles will not be responsible/liable for any damage or injury occurring from or as a result of misuse or reckless use.

These guidelines are for the safety of all people using this equipment, and it is the sole responsibility of the hirer to ensure they are fully adhered to at all times. Our Company cannot accept any responsibility for any injury caused to anyone using this equipment.

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## **DISCLAIMER**

I have read the above agreement and fully understand and accept the conditions as above. I am aware that whilst in my care I am <u>fully responsible</u> for the inflatable and will pay for any loss or damage that may occur, this will include the inflatable being returned in an unacceptable Condition,i.e.: If it is in a dirty or muddy condition, I will be expected to pay an additional cleaning charge of £50.00

I HEREBY AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS LISTED ABOVE	
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EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED:
HIRE DATE (FROM AND TO)
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SIGNED BY HIRER:
NAME IN FULL
ADDRESS:
POSTCODE:

## **Risk Assessment**

Hazards	Risk	Control	Level of risk
Stability of device	Collapse, slip, trip, mechanical failure, uneven surfaces.	Inflatable to be assembled by controller or trained personnel, according to instructions. Max wind speed 4-5.	Low
Walk ups, platform, steps	Slip, trip.	Keep clean and free from any surface water, fit temporary steps to any area over 12".	Low
Passenger containment	Ensure perimeter structure is not damaged or open.	Daily checks.	Low if controlled
Unloading and loading of passenger	Slip, trip.	Parents/ staff to assist, admit one person at a time. Remove footwear.	Low if controlled
Operation of inflatable	Passengers being injured during normal operation.	Do not overload inflatable, or allow pinch up points/ groups to congregate. The inflatable is used to the child's own ability.	Low if controlled (nature of inflatable friction/slight burns are common place)
Operation of inflatable	Mechanical failure, device stability.	Regular maintenance. Daily checks & annual inspection. All tie down points are used at all times with suitable anchors. Min 160kg free weight per tie down point. Use all tie down points. Stakes able to withstand 1600N upward force.	Low if controlled

Operation of inflatable	Failure of controls or supply.	Regular maintenance and annual inspection. In the event of a control failure to danger, controller to remove power using isolator plug at controls will stop the inflatable fan blowers . A failure to the supply will prevent operation of the fan blowers.	Low if controlled. If failure to supply, passengers should be evacuated from inflatable.
Fire	Electrical equipment.	Regular maintenance, annual inspection. Fire extinguisher.	Low if controlled.
Risk to onlookers	Being struck by rider or device.	Recommend perimeter fencing.	Medium - high if not controlled
Risk to passengers	Being ejected from ride	NIA	NIA
Injuries to passengers	Whiplash type injuries.	Passengers to participate on the inflatable to their own physical ability. First aid kit on site.	Low
Operating in extreme temperatures	Hot or cold surfaces, snow loadings.	Clear any standing snow before operation. If hot surfaces inform parents if children are not adequately clothed.	Low if controlled. Correct clothing to be worn to prevent friction due to the nature of the inflatable.
Adverse weather conditions	Physical injury.	The inflatable will be switched off in heavy rain and is not permitted to run in strong winds.	Medium
Failure/ incident due to human error	Operation, maintenance.	Ensure staff are trained adequately to carry out specific duties.	Medium -an element of risk is always present .

Diesel/ petrol powered generators	General hazards.	Fuel spillage, excess exhaust fumes and excess noise pollution. Ensure perimeter fencing.	Good operating procedures/ equipment will keep risk to a minimum, low if controlled.
Matting/ fencing	General guidance.	Fencing perimeter 1.8m from inflatable. Matting front and side of exit point to extend 1.2m.	Recommended distance.
Inflatable is heavy to lift and manoeuvre	Back injuries or other physical injuries.	Ensure the correct number of people are lifting or moving the inflatable.	Low- Medium
Long electric power cable	Trip.	Secure the power cable to the ground with tape.	Low if controlled
Damage to the electric power cable	Electrocution.	Unroll the electric cable and check the full length, plus any plugs or sockets. Ensure it is connected to a trip switch or use the power breaker supplied.	Low
Heavy duty stakes using a mallet	Physical injury to themselves or others.	Make sure the area is clear of other people. Hold the stakes half way down.	Low if controlled
The inflatable is wet when it is put away	Physical injury, trip or fall.	If possible dry the inflatable before putting it away. Have extra people to manoeuvre the inflatable.	Low- medium
Inflatable gets wet	Physical injury/ trip/ falls	The inflatable will not be used if it rains and will be completely dried before children are allowed on it.	Low- medium
Children colliding with each other whilst on the inflatable	Physical injury	Ensure the inflatable does not become overly boisterous. Height restrictions /number of users to be adhered to. Responsible person supervising at all times.	Medium

Children jumping off or falling off the front of the inflatable	Physical injury	Crash mats will be put down in front and sides of the inflatable.	Low if controlled
Anchor points becoming untethered	Injury to those on it or around the inflatable	The inflatable will not be put up if winds exceed force 5.	Low if controlled
Falls from heights	Physical injury	Ensure no-one climbs the inflatable walls.	Low if controlled