



Broadwas Village Hall

Bouncy Castle & Play Equipment Policy – July 2024

Summary

Broadwas Village Hall (BVH) does not provide any insurance for the use of bouncy castles. BVH 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.

As stated in our 'Terms of Hire' under section 7 *Indemnity and Liability*, the use of a bouncy castle or any playground equipment is absolutely prohibited unless authorisation is agreed with BVH in writing. Upon booking, where a bouncy castle or playground equipment is to be used, a Hirer will be required to read and sign this, 'The Bouncy Castle Waiver', and agrees to absolutely indemnify the Village Hall against any damages or liability connected to the Bouncy Castle regardless of foreseeability. Once the booking has been reviewed the Village Hall will confirm the booking if deemed acceptable.

Responsibility Statement

If you're hiring a bouncy castle for your event, you can be held liable if injury or damage is caused. Personal liability insurance eliminates this financial risk and it is the Hirer's responsibility to ensure insurance is in place to mitigate any risk. It 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.

As the Hirer indemnifies BVH, the hire of the Premises WILL NOT include insurance for play equipment or bouncy castles.

Conditions

When booking, the Hirer must declare that they intend to have a bouncy castle or play equipment. This declaration will imply a commitment to make sure that:

1. This waiver is completed and returned to BVH for review;
2. The bouncy castle will be supervised at all times by an adult (over 18);
3. Public/Personal liability insurance will be in place as required.
4. They understand the use of 'Didi Cars' or equipment/toys with wheels is prohibited in the Premises.

BVH reserves the right request proof of insurance (a copy of the bouncy castle supplier's Public Liability Insurance (£5,000,000 minimum indemnity) for the bouncy castle or play or similar equipment to cover the installation and removal from the Premises) and may prohibit the use of the castle/equipment, or even to cancel the booking if appropriate evidence is not provided on request.

Please understand that these arrangements are being introduced so that the Management Committee and the Hirers can be sure that proper protection is in place.



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Only approved bouncy castles or play or similar equipment is authorised to be used of the Premises. Failure to gain approval will result in a Hire Charge and your Function may be cancelled or ended early.

Hirer Responsibility before you hire

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) supports two industry inspection schemes for inflatables run by PIPA and ADiPs. Most play inflatables will therefore display either a numbered PIPA tag or an ADiPs declaration of compliance (DoC) to show they comply with British Standard BS EN 14960.

You can use their websites to check safety tests have been carried out and to find out what to do if the equipment has no PIPA tag or ADiPs DoC (you may be risking people's safety if the inflatable doesn't have one of these).

The PIPA scheme specifically covers inflatables devices that fall within the scope of the BS EN 14960, and they have guidance on the equipment PIPA inspect (PDF) .

The ADiPs scheme covers a wider range of inflatable play equipment as well as more traditional fairground rides.

As part of the Waiver, you will need to confirm you have performed the diligence recommended by the HSE.

Where using Bounce World as the supplier, as they are an approved user at the Premises, checks will not be needed as we have undertaken them ourselves.

Hirer Obligations - Supervision and Safety Instructions

Hirers are required to follow these instructions.

- The castle/equipment must be adequately secured;
- Soft matting covering hard surfaces must be placed adjacent to the front or open sides;
- There should be responsible adult supervision, paying close attention to the children at play at all times during its use;
- The number of children using the bouncy castle/equipment must be limited to the number recommended in the Hire Company's safety instructions. There must be no overcrowding;
- A rota system for different age or size groups should be operated together with the observance of any age limit of users;
- All children must be made to remove footwear, hard or sharp objects such as jewellery, buckles, pens and other similar pocket contents if using the bouncy castle;
- Eating while using the equipment must not be allowed.



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Additionally, the hirer should ensure that the Hire Company (the supplier) of the bouncy castle/equipment:

- 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);
- Employs suitably experienced and trained adult personnel, where the Company are responsible for setting up, operation and supervision of the bouncy castle;
- 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.
- 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.

Further information

- [Amusement Device Inspections Procedures Scheme \(ADIPS\)](#)
- [PIPA Inflatable Play Inspection](#)
- [Hire Association Europe Bouncy Castle Safety Instructions](#)
- [Bouncy castles and other play inflatables: safety advice \(hse.gov.uk\)](#)



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- 1. This Waiver does not take away or negate any terms and conditions governed by the Broadwas Village Hall Terms of Hire, and should be read in conjunction with the Terms of Hire.
- 2. Broadwas Village Hall accepts no liability for any injury or loss, however caused, by any bouncy castle or play or similar equipment brought into the Premises. The use of a bouncy castle or play or similar equipment is subject to the following terms and conditions.
- 3. The hirer must agree to abide by these 'Terms and Conditions for the use of bouncy castles' and sign the Waiver before a bouncy castle or other equipment may be used at the Premises.
 - 3.1 The hirer is responsible for checking the dimensions of the bouncy castle to ensure that it may be safely used on the Premises, and that it's use will not block any Fire Exits.
 - 3.2 The Hirer confirms they have read the Bouncy Castle & Play Equipment Policy and have performed the diligence checks required and agrees to adhere to the Policy as terms of the Waiver.
 - 3.3 The Hirer understand the use of 'Didi Cars' or any equipment/toys with wheels is prohibited in the Premises.
 - 3.4 The Hirer, by signing this waiver, expressly accepts all obligations and responsibilities under this Policy, in parallel to the obligations under the Terms of Hire, and accepts the creation of a second legally binding agreement under this Waiver.
- 4 This Waiver has been made available to the Hirer at the time of their booking. By proceeding with the booking, the hirer is deemed to have accepted these terms and conditions.

Signed	
Printed	
Dated	
Event Date	
Booking Reference	
Supplier	Bounce World, Other -
Equipment	Bouncy Castle - Soft Play – Hoppers – Inflatables – Other
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