

Meldreth Village Hall Trust

Bouncy Castle and Inflatables Policy

Summary

Meldreth Village Hall (MVH) does not provide any insurance for the use of bouncy castles or inflatables and our insurance Policy does not specify cover for use of bouncy castles. MVH 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.

Responsibility

If you're hiring a bouncy castle and inviting guests, you can be held liable if one of them injures themselves. Personal liability insurance eliminates this financial 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.

Insurance is required, and it is the responsibility of the hirer to make sure liability insurance is in place.

Please note the bouncy castle can only be used inside of the hall.

Conditions

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

- The bouncy castle will be supervised at all times by an adult (over 18).
- Public/Personal liability insurance will be provided either by the supplier or the hirer.

At the point of booking hall hire, the hirer must confirm that insurance is in place, and must be prepared to provide evidence for this.

MVH reserves the right to prohibit the use of the castle, or even to cancel the booking if appropriate evidence is not provided on request.

Please understand that these arrangements exist so that the hall trustees and the hirers can be sure that proper insurance is in place enabling hirers to run a happy event, knowing that they are properly insured.

Supervision and Safety Instructions

These following instructions are based on best practice and are suggestions to help hirers manage the equipment: -

1. The inflatable 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 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 and drinking while bouncing or performing acrobatics must not be allowed.

Additionally, it is recommended that the hirer ensures that the Hire Company (the supplier)

- Fully complies with the Health and Safety Executive Guidance Note PM76 – “The Safe Operation of Inflatable Bouncing Devices”
- 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.