

RISK ASSESSMENT – INFLATABLES (hired without Operator)

| What are the hazards? | Existing control measures | Likelihood 1 = not likely 2 = likely 3 = very likely | Level of Harm 1 = minor 2 = moderate 3 = serious | Risk Score L x H | Further control measures to reduce the risk |
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| Injury through incorrect positioning of inflatable | Do not move or try to reposition the inflatable under any circumstance. Ensure that the anchors are in place at all times. | 1 | 3 | 3 | None |
| Petrol blowers/generator – risk of fire | Blowers/generators are filled with fuel before delivery. Units are fire retardant. | 1 | 3 | 3 | All spare fuel is stored in a suitable marked container in a safe location. Unit is switched off during re-fuelling. |
| Danger of fire | No smoking or barbecues near the Inflatable at any time. | 1 | 3 | 3 | None |
| Injury through insecure anchorage | Never use the unit without proper anchorage in place, it may be blown over in certain wind conditions. Our delivery team will ensure that the inflatable is fully secured before leaving the premises. | 1 | 3 | 3 | None |
| Tripping over anchorage points, spare equipment, electrical cables | All anchorage points used as per manufacturer's instructions and spare equipment, leads etc either stowed or erected safely. | 1 | 2 | 1 | In the event of large numbers of participants attending, or large events, additional safety fencing should be erected. Where possible, electrical cables are not to cross any public pathway. If unavoidable, cable should be erected overhead or covered over. |
| Danger of injury from hard surfaces. | The inflatable must never be mounted unless the inflatable bed is fully inflated, whether the inflatable is in operation or not, as this can lead to serious injury. | 1 | 3 | 3 | None |
| Injury through lack of inflatable pressure or suffocation. | Do not allow anyone to be on the Inflatable during inflation or deflation as this can be EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. | 1 | 3 | 3 | None |
| Injury through third parties & spectators. | Always ensure that the area surrounding the inflatable is not overcrowded. | 2 | 3 | 6 | None |
| Adverse weather conditions. | The inflatable must be switched off in heavy rain and is not permitted to run in strong winds. During hot weather, the inflatable can become hot and extra care is needed. | Dependent on weather | Dependent on weather | Dependent on weather | None |

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| Injury through lack of supervision. | A responsible adult must supervise the inflatable at all times. In the event that the supervising adult is not in view, the inflatable shouldn't be used. | 1 | 3 | 3 | None |
| Over enthusiastic participants | Responsible adult must supervise at all times. | 2 | 2 | 4 | Show users safety cartoons |
| Choking | No food, drink or chewing gum to be allowed on or near the Inflatable. | 1 | 3 | 3 | None |
| Injury through third party items | All shoes, glasses, jewellery, badges MUST be removed before using this Inflatable. | 2 | 2 | 4 | None |
| Danger of falling from height. | Climbing, hanging or sitting on walls is dangerous and is not allowed at any time. This rule is extremely important when the inflatable is erected on a hard surface. | 2 | 3 | 6 | None |
| Danger of unnecessary injury. | The hirer should ensure that no person with a history of heart, back or neck problems, high blood pressure, joint weakness, or a known medical disability uses the inflatable. Anyone who is feeling unwell, suffering the effects of alcohol or drugs, or pregnant women must not use the equipment at any time. | 1 | 3 | 3 | None |
| Overloading or tipping over. | Hirers should ensure that the maximum age limit / capacity recommended for the inflatable is adhered to at all times. | 1 | 3 | 3 | None |
| Larger participants colliding with smaller participants | A responsible adult must supervise the inflatable at all times. | 2 | 2 | 4 | Participants put in to groups of a similar size |
| Emergency | In the event that someone is seriously injured, DO NOT move the individual, leave the inflatable switched on and dial 999 immediately. | 1 | 3 | 3 | None |