

Maryburgh Amenities Association

Re: your use of the Bouncy Castle owned by the above Association.

The Maryburgh Amenities Association (hereinafter called the Association) are pleased to lend, hire or otherwise allow you to use their inflatable Bouncy Castle. However, the public liability insurance carried by the Association does not extend to the use of the Bouncy Castle by individuals or organisations other than the Association.

The Association lend, hire or allow you to use the Bouncy Castle on the strict understanding that you have, or will arrange for, suitable insurance from the time that you collect the Bouncy Castle until you return it or for whatever period it is in your possession or use.

Such insurance must include cover, not only for yourselves, but also to ensure that the Association are suitably and promptly reimbursed for any damages to the Bouncy Castle and for loss of revenue to the Association or any other costs that may result from any incident that may occur whilst it is being stored, transported, erected or used by you.

If you do not arrange such insurance, or if any insurance that has been arranged by you does not cover all eventualities, you accept that you, or your organisation, will promptly reimburse the Association for any such costs that it may incur.

Please complete and sign the section below.

<p>Name:</p> <p>Address:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Telephone:</p> <p>Representing Organisation:</p> <p>In signing this form I understand and accept all of the above.</p> <p>Signature: Date:</p>

Safe operation

It is essential for the safe operation of a device that the manufacturer's instructions regarding the use of anchorage points should be followed. The device should be secured to the ground with ground stakes, where the ground is suitable. Some equally effective method can be used on hard standing, eg attaching the anchor ropes to fittings already in the ground, or to sandbags or other weights, if these are capable of taking the load.

Inflatables can be tied to a vehicle or other movable machinery, providing the vehicle or machinery is immobilised and under the control of the operator.

Inflatables should not be used when the wind or gusts are in excess of the maximum safe wind speed specified by the manufacturer. The industry recommends a maximum wind speed of Force 5 on the Beaufort Scale of 30-38 kph (19-24 mph). Force 5 is a fresh breeze when small trees in leaf begin to sway, whereas Force 6 is a strong breeze when large branches are in motion, whistling can be heard in telephone lines and umbrellas can only be handled with difficulty. Weather forecasts can be obtained from the Meteorological Office.

The controller should ensure that the inflatable device is sited well away from possible hazards such as overhead powerlines or other obstacles with hazardous projections (eg fences). If the ground surface is abrasive, oily or dirty, a ground sheet should be used to prevent wear and tear of the base material.

The controller should determine the minimum number of attendants needed to operate the device safely, and ensure that at least this number of attendants are on duty when the device is in operation. In deciding how many attendants are required, the controller needs to consider matters such as the number of people using the device, the age of the users and the type of environment in which the inflatable is being used. Attendants should be aged 16 or over and the operator should be 18 or over.

If the risk assessment carried out by the controller shows that control measures are required to handle large crowds in the immediate vicinity of the inflatable, then crowd control barriers (see Figure 1) should be provided by the controller. Barriers should have the minimum dimensions shown at Figure 1. They should be at least 1 m high and be capable of withstanding people leaning on them, or being pushed against them. Where the public does not have access to the sides or back of the inflatable or crowd pressures are not anticipated, then a lower standard is acceptable.

The method of operation drawn up by the controller should ensure that users are admitted to the inflatable in a controlled and safe manner. In particular, the operator and attendants should carry out the following instructions.

- Ensure that users remove footwear (except socks) and any other hard, sharp or dangerous objects (such as buckles, pens, purses, badges etc). Glasses are best removed.

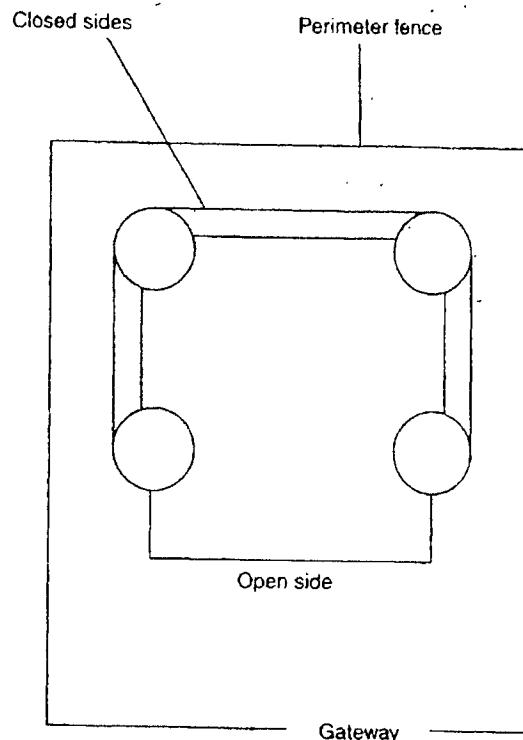


Figure 1 The perimeter fence should be 1.8-2.5 m from closed sides and 3.5-4.0 m from the open side. The gateway should be 1.0 m wide

- Do not allow users to consume food or drink or chew gum on the device.
- Do not allow users to obstruct the entrance or exit of any inflatable device. Do not allow anyone to play on the step or front apron of a bouncy castle.
- Do not allow users to climb or hang on the walls.
- Do not allow users who do not conform to height restrictions to use the device.
- Keep the entrance/exit areas clear of onlookers so that the operator or attendant has a clear view and can ensure that users enter/exit safely.
- Keep users off the device when it is being inflated or deflated. Deflate the device when not in use.

The operator and attendants should watch the activity on the inflatable constantly. They should use a whistle or other signal and take action at the first sign of any misbehaviour. Somersaults and rough play should not be allowed.

It is the operator's responsibility to ensure that the equipment is not overloaded with users. Larger, more boisterous users should be separated from smaller ones. The number of users at any one time should be limited to allow each user enough room to play safely.