

HOLIDAY CLUBS BOUNCY CASTLE PROCEDURE

We encourage children to be physically active, experiencing new play opportunities and taking safe risks in its setting. We believe that installing good procedures during the hiring of bouncy castles should ensure a safe environment in which to play.

When hiring bouncy castles, Playleaders must ensure they use castles that are suitable for the size, weight and amount of children that will be using it.

Playleaders and staff must always follow the regulations and rules given by the manager of each bouncy castle, regarding its placement, maintenance, safety and use.

Bouncy castles must be thoroughly risk assessed before use.

Staff must be very cautious when handling or supporting heavier children on and off the castle and there must always be at least two staff members present if any child is using the bouncy castle.

There must be rotation of children when using the bouncy castle so that all children have an equal amount of time allocated to them. Where appropriate, like-minded and similar bodied children should use a bouncy castle at a similar time.

Staff must be aware that some children can get exhausted far quicker than others and children should be timed when using the bouncy castles, and where necessary, asked to stop for a break to relax.

Children with physical disabilities should have permission from parent/carers before using the bouncy castles, and staff should follow instructions from parent/carers as to how to support these children whilst they are using the bouncy castles.

The area around the bouncy castle should be covered in mats for children and staff coming off.

No food or drink should be consumed whilst on the bouncy castle.

If at any time a Playleader or staff member is concerned about any child or the condition of the bouncy castle, everyone should be removed from it, until it is deemed safe to return.

Staff and children must always use the highest extreme of caution when using bouncy castles.

N.B Bouncy castle use is covered by our Public Liability Insurance.