



PETHAM VILLAGE HALL

Charity registration no: 1163331

Guidelines for the use of bouncy castles

When providing a bouncy castle for the guests at an event in the premises, hirers must abide by the following advice and guidelines to ensure the safety of the users and to meet the requirements of the Hall's insurance policy.

When any bouncy castle or other land-based inflatable device is used in the premises it must be ensured that:

- access and use is controlled by an authorised adult employee/volunteer at all times;
- when used outside the building, it is securely anchored to the ground at each anchor point;
- each anchor point is signed, or otherwise marked to be made easily visible, and wrapped to prevent injury;
- soft matting is used to cover hard surfaces adjacent to the front or any open sides where there is a risk of injury from falling from the inflatable.

In addition, hirers should follow the following recommendations to help reduce the risk of injury, particularly to children:

- follow the manufacturer's or supplier's safety recommendations;
- require children to remove sharp articles like shoes, buckles or jewellery;
- not allow overcrowding, particularly by children (to help prevent knocking into each other);
- not allow a mix of large and small children at the same time (to avoid larger children crushing the smaller ones);
- not allow use by adults and children at the same time;
- not allow any access by the very youngest of children i.e. those under 2 years old.

The Hall's public liability insurance of £5M covers claims made against hirers for bodily injury suffered by any person attending the hirer's event in the premises provided that these guidelines were followed if the injury arose in connection with a bouncy castle, as well as the conditions relating to claims made under the Hall's insurance policy as set out in the Insurance Guidelines.