

Checklist for hiring and operating an inflatable

Inflatables such as bouncy castles can be dangerous if they are not maintained, set up and/or used correctly.

To help you to ensure your event is safe we have included a basic check list with some of the health and safety matters you will need to consider in relation to the operation of inflatables. This is not an exhaustive list and the company providing your bouncy castle should provide you with further instructions.

Have you been given the following documents by the company providing the inflatable(s)?	Yes	No
Valid inspection certificate for each inflatable provided		
Public Liability Insurance certificate		
Risk Assessment(s) for the inflatable(s)		

Do you know how to operate and supervise the inflatable(s)? (the provider of the inflatable should give you clear instructions relating to the following)	Yes	No
Number of people needed to supervise each inflatable		
The role of the supervisor		
The rules for those using the inflatable <i>(e.g. age limit, number of people allowed on at one time, if shoes can be worn, etc.)</i>		
Supervisors and the responsible person at the event know how to safely operate the inflatable (This includes knowing how to monitor weather conditions, how to make sure the inflatable is operating correctly and what to do if it's not, action to take if they spot a hazard)		

What's the weather going to be like on the day?	Yes	No
The weather report for the day of event has been checked regularly in the days leading up to the event		
Do you know what weather conditions make it unsafe to use the inflatable? <i>(In strong and or gusting winds inflatables can blow away resulting in serious injury or the death of those playing on it)</i>		
An anemometer is available to use on the day to measure wind speed? <i>(An anemometer <u>must</u> be used to measure wind speed, weather apps on phones and forecasts are not sufficient)</i>		

If the answer to any of the questions above is **no**, you may not be able to safely operate the inflatable. Please contact the company providing the inflatable for further instruction or Adur & Worthing Council for further advice.

A more detailed document on operating bouncy castles and other play inflatables can be found at: www.hse.gov.uk/entertainment/fairgrounds/inflatables.htm