

BOUNCY CASTLES

Yelling Village Hall Trustees allow the use of bouncy castles under the following conditions:

1. When booking, the **hirer** must declare that they intend to have a bouncy castle. This declaration will imply a commitment to make sure that:

- The bouncy castle will be supervised at all times by an adult (over 18).
- Public liability insurance will be provided either by the **supplier** or the **hirer***.

2. Before the actual booking, the **hirer** must confirm that insurance is in place, and must be prepared to provide evidence for this.

The **Hall** reserves the right to prohibit the use of the castle, or even to cancel the booking if appropriate evidence is not provided on request.

***PLEASE NOTE:** The **Hall** insurance **does not** cover the use of bouncy castles. The **Hall** is only responsible for **advising hirers** that they must put appropriate arrangements in place.

Any responsible **supplier** of a bouncy castle must have insurance, but often their Public Liability Insurance **will only apply if they are present to supervise the use of the castle**.

If they are not present and their cover does not apply, then the **hirer is responsible** for providing Public Liability Insurance **and** for **supervision of the castle by an adult over 18**.

It is the responsibility of the **hirer** to investigate what cover is provided and when they should buy additional cover themselves. Insurance for a one-off event can be purchased.

Additionally the **hirer** should ensure that the **supplier**:

1. Fully complies with current Health and Safety Guidance;
2. Employs suitably experienced and trained adult personnel where the supplier is responsible for setting up, operation and supervision of the bouncy castle;
3. Provides written evidence of a current Public Liability Insurance Policy to cover the liability of the supply company. Note that this is unlikely to cover **the hirer** of the equipment;
4. Provides written instructions about the setting up, operation and supervision of the equipment, and that the name and address of the manufacturer or supplier is clearly marked upon it.

Supervision and Safety Instructions

These instructions have been provided by the Village Hall's insurers. Hirers are required to follow these instructions.

- An adult is to act in a supervisory capacity at all times.
- Ensure that the bouncy castle or inflatable is moored securely to the ground at each anchor point.
- Soft matting should be positioned to cover any hard surface at the open front and/or sides.
- Never use a bouncy castle or inflatable in high winds or wet weather.
- Only allow children of similar age and size at any one time.
- Avoid any overcrowding and ensure that the manufacturer's recommendations for numbers are not exceeded.
- Make sure that users remove any potentially dangerous objects such as shoes, jewellery, buckles, pens, and other similar pocket contents.
- No food or drink shall be allowed on the equipment.
- No person over the age of sixteen (16) shall be permitted on the equipment unless such equipment bears the prefix "adult". Where "adult" use is permitted, adults and people under the age of sixteen (16) are not permitted to participate on the same equipment at the same time.