

Mr Bouncy Castle - Hirers Safety Guide

All the Mr Bouncy Castle equipment is up to date with the relevant documentation and safety certificates. You can view our PIPA testing certificates on the <u>Health and Safety</u> section of our website.

The team delivering your inflatable(s) will check over the equipment to ensure it is clean and free of debris. They will then inspect the area for suitability, in advance of our arrival.

Customers Responsibility prior to our arrival:

- Ensure the area is clear of any large stones, sharp objects or animal droppings
- The power cable will have a clear runway from the power supply to the inflatable. They must not cross any driveways, roads or major walkways
- Please have a clear idea of where you would like the castle erected, you must never try and move the Bouncy Castle yourself
- Please make sure access to the hire site is clear of any vehicle and other obstructions

The Mr Bouncy Castle Team are trained on how to correctly stake down the inflatable with the safest angles and depth. Please do not try to move the castle and stake it down again yourself.

Once the team has erected the inflatable and completed their checks, we would advise that children are supervised. Below are some of the general safety rules that will keep the level of accident risk to a minimum.

Customers responsibility during the hire:

- Mixing children of different size/age can put the smaller ones at risk of injury
- Never switch the inflatable off and on again while children are around
- No acrobatics
- Ensure the castle doesn't exceed the max number of users (labelled on the side of each)
- Ensure children don't climb the side walls
- Shoes should be removed, along with any hard or sharp objects, jewellery or clothing
- Prevent boisterous behaviour
- Food, drink or chewing gum should not be consumed on the castle

One of the most important rules to observe is to **ENSURE THE INFLATABLE IS NEVER SWITCHED OFF AND ON AGAIN WHILE CHILDREN ARE AROUND**. If the inflatable is switched on while children are on top of the deflated plastic, they could end up high on the side walls or on top of the castle and fall from an unsafe height.



Wind Speed Guide

Mr Bouncy Castle will never set up an inflatable if the wind speeds are predicted to exceed 24 mph. It is also advisable for you to keep an eye on the weather during a particularly windy day. If you don't have an anemometer, there are ways of checking the wind speed using observations in your surroundings. If you notice any of the effects described below under Force 6 or stronger, you should deflate the Bouncy Castle. Please make sure children are safely away from the area before doing so.

Speed	Force	Description
Upto 24 mph	Force 1 - 5	Small trees swaying - safe for the Bouncy Castle
25 - 31 mph	Force 6	Large branches of trees in motion; whistling heard in telephone wires; difficulty using an umbrella; wind is visibly deforming the frame of the inflatable
32 - 38 mph	Force 7	Whole trees in motion; resistance felt in walking against the wind

As explained on the page above, it's important to make sure children are not on or around the castle while you inflate it again.

If you would like more information on our safety procedures, you can find a <u>Full Method</u> <u>Statement</u> on our Health and Safety page.