

South Willesborough and Newtown Community Council

Policy for Hire of Bouncy Castles and Inflatables for Event Use

Bouncy castles and inflatables have been hired bouncy castles for the Railway Festival and Platinum Jubilee by SWANCC. Through the event planning agreement process with the Ashford Safety Advisory Group(SAG) -To ensure safety the Bouncy Castle provider gave copies of the tags on each unit which the SAG then traced to ensure the Bouncy castles had been inspected and were safe and suitable for use.

SWANCC required The Bouncy Castle provider to have Public Liability insurance and safely man the Bouncy Castles and have full and competent staff to do so. SWANCC has to date required generators to be diesel and not petrol to reduce risk of fire and serious accident. As petrol is highly explosive and quick to ignite and inflatables burn very quickly.

Work Nest have set an objective to ensure safe use of inflatables by the Council, in line with Health and Safety Law,

Ensure that all bouncy castles and other inflatables fully comply with the guidance issued by the PIPA Inflatable Play Inspector Scheme. This guidance can be downloaded from www.pipa.org.uk

All inflatable equipment which is used for 'hire & reward' must be routinely inspected by a competent person under health & safety law. The PIPA scheme helps you achieve this by providing assurance that its inspectors are competent to inspect inflatable devices. Not all inflatables can be inspected under the PIPA at this moment in time. However, PIPA continues to expand its scope and this information will be updated as more device types fall under the scheme. The list below confirms inflatables which can be tested and tracked by the PIPA scheme.

Bouncy Castle Football Shootout Inflatable Slide More... - Bounce & Slide - Obstacle Course - Enclosed inflatable - Soft Mountain - Multi-play Centre Non Ride-On Games: Inflatable games which a person does not have to get onto, into or inside the device in order to participate. The user is able to come into contact and interact briefly. They are of a constant air design, and not sealed air units. Examples Include: - Archery & Shooting Ranges - Basketball hoops - Lassos - Bowling Alleys – Dartboards.

Inflatable play equipment that falls outside the scope of the scheme must be tested under health & safety law. Some Inspectors provide their own in-house inspection which would cover the inflatable elements of the device.

Bungee Run Rodeo Bull More... - Sweepers - Boxing Ring - Climbing Wall - Sports Arena - Rock & Roll - Pubs & Buildings - Dash & Grab - Laser Maze - Football Arena - Ball Pools - Soft Play

Therefore it is recommended to consider a SWANCC policy on the hire of Bouncy Castles and Inflatables.

Draft Policy overleaf.

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SWANCC Policy for the Hire of Bouncy Castles and Inflatables

SWANCC when hiring Bouncy castles will ensure

- 1) Only inflatables covered by the PIPA Scheme are hired**
- 2) Only diesel generators are used for the power of Bouncy Castles and Inflatables**
- 3) The provider has adequate Public Liability Insurance in place.**
- 4) Will provide competent trained staff to man the inflatables safely at all times**
- 5) Will provide tags for all inflatables in advance of any event to be checked with PIPA Database for inspection and safety**
- 6) On the day of the event the tags will be checked on the inflatables that they correspond to the submitted tags**

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