

Risk assessment – Bouncy Castle at Cox Wood

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| Name of activity, event, and location | Cox Wood Scout Camp Site – Bouncy Castle | Date of risk assessment | 14/01/2024 | Name of person doing this risk assessment | Cox Wood Crew |
| | | Date of next review | 14/01/2025 | | |

| What could go wrong? What hazard have you identified? What are the risks from it? | Who is at risk? | What are you going to do about it? How are the risks already controlled? What extra controls are needed? How will they be communicated to young people and adults and remain inclusive to all needs? | Review & revise What has changed that needs to be thought about and controlled? |
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| <p>A hazard is something that may cause harm or damage.</p> <p>The risk is the harm that may occur from the hazard.</p> | <p>For example: young people, adult volunteers, visitors</p> | <p>Controls are ways of making the activity safer by removing or reducing the risk.</p> <p>For example, you may use a different piece of equipment or you might change the way you do the activity.</p> | <p>Keep checking throughout the activity in case you need to change what you're doing or even stop the activity.</p> <p>This is a great place to add comments which will be used as part of the review.</p> |
| <p>General obstructions (equipment and other items) – risk of injuries to participants or leaders setting up, moving, or removing items.</p> | <p>Young People Volunteers</p> | <p>Leaders must oversee setting up equipment used for the activity and moving to where it is needed.</p> <p>Castle is on a wheeled trolley, this will need moving by several adults to move into position, unroll and pack away after use.</p> <p>The blower will need plugging in with an extension lead kept with the blower in the games unit.</p> <p>Safety mats are to be used at the front - they are in the games container.</p> <p>No one should carry large or awkward items on their own if possible.</p> <p>Bouncy castle must be used on the activity field in dry condition only.</p> <p>Use the pegs supplied to anchor the castle.</p> <p>Shoes must be removed before using the bouncy castle.</p> <p>No food or drink on the bouncy castle</p> | |

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| Electrocution – risk of injuries from misuse of electrical equipment. | All present | Visual check of cables and plugs before use. Do not use it in wet conditions. | |
| Risk of injury to participants | Young People | Leader to supervise the activity at all times. Take note of the guidance on the castle labels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not suitable for adults • limit the number of users • match the size of participants • stop use in wet or windy conditions • stop use if silly or boisterous behaviour puts others at risk | |
| Risk of injury to non-participants or observers. | All present | Non-participants or observers must observe from outside the castle. Non-participants or observers can only enter the bouncy castle when invited to do so by the Leader in charge | |
| Behaviour – risk of overexcitement | Young People Volunteers | Everyone should follow the section code of conduct that sets clear expectations of behaviour. YP briefed on their individual responsibility to behave safely. Leader in charge will stop the activity or exclude any person whose behaviour causes concern.. | |
| Individual needs – exclusion, injury, distress | Young People | Adaptations made to the activity to ensure all can access the bouncy castle. | |
| <p>What other Hazards arising do you need to consider? Never be afraid to stop an activity if it becomes unsafe! Don't forget, as part of your programme planning, you should have contingency activities in reserve just in case you can't do what was planned or you need to stop half way through. Make sure this is shared with those involved, so everyone knows how to respond. You should have risk assessed contingency activities prior to them taking place and communicated key information to those involved as with all activities.</p> | | | |

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