

1st Fives Inflatable Safety Information

This safety pack is designed to give our hirers the information needed to have a safe and fun hire! Anyone who is hiring /supervising the inflatable is required to be properly trained and have adequate knowledge to ensure the riders safety for the duration of the hire.

Who should be reading this?

The hirer (person who organised or booked the hire equipment) should be reading this information. If you (the hirer) will not be supervising the inflatable or hire equipment personally, you must ensure those designated to do so have fully read and understand the information in this safety information.

For example: Vacation Care Operators: if you have multiple staff supervising the equipment they should all have a copy of this document prior to the hire.

Glossary:

Inflatable/ Inflatable device: a land borne inflatable amusement device such as bouncy castles, obstacle courses, sports inflatables etc.

Unit: an inflatable and/ or generator

Safety Sheet: this is a printed yellow sheet which contains the main rules for the individual units you have hired.

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General Inflatable Safety: (ALL INFLATABLE DEVICES)

At the request of the hirer, 1st Fives Inflatables staff will not be on site for the duration of the hire to supervise the hire equipment and the safety of the riders on it. For everyone's safety you must ensure the following rules are followed:

- A **responsible adult** (18 years and over) must **supervise** the children at all times from no more than 1 meter from the hire equipment. This person should have read and understand the safety information within this package.
- Ensure the hire equipment is used for its designed purpose only. For example a sports inflatable or obstacle course is NOT a jumping castle. Obstacle courses are designed to run through from start to finish, and most sports inflatables are not designed for bouncing on them.
- Riders should not jump, climb or sit on any side walls, the entry or exit, on top of netting on slides etc. Ensure the entry exit is always clear for riders to have adequate access and egress to the amusement.
- Riders must not exceed the height or weight restrictions listed on the safety sheet provided for individual rides. If you cannot see one the default of 60kg per rider applies and a maximum number of 4 riders.
- All inflatables have a manufactures safety plaque on the front or side of the unit. These rules must be followed at all times.
- No Riders with any current or pre-existing injuries permitted on the castle at any time. Nor riders with any severe physical or mental impairments allowed on the ride if it limits their ability to use the hire equipment safely, or endangers other riders.
- No shoes, food, drink, chewing gum, eye glasses, jewelry, earrings, hats, any sharp objects, animals, water, choking hazards or adults permitted on the hire equipment.
- No hot implements of any kind on or near castle. No Face Paint, Silly string, Sand or Glitter on or around the hire equipment at any time.
- **Must keep riders of the same Size and weight on at the same time.** DO NOT have riders of different sizes on the equipment together. Eg do not put a 20kg 5 year old on with other riders aged 9 year and 60kg. If one lands on the other it increases the chance of injury.
- No fighting, rough play, flips, somersaults or extreme horseplay permitted on the hire equipment.

Do not use the castle during storms, thunder or heavy rain or high wind (see below).

- If the inflatable or hire equipment gets wet during the hire cease using it until the rain passes and then wipe dry with towel before letting riders on again. Wet and slippery inflatables/ games etc present a slip and fall hazard.
- Maximum wind strength to operate in is 40km/hr. In the event wind speed increases get kids out of castle and turn off immediately. Willy Weather app has real time readings to monitor wind speed in your area: we suggest using this to monitor wind speed during the hire as well as BOM forecasts.

- Please leave the inflatable inflated until collected unless otherwise instructed & Do NOT move from the installed position.

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- Please ensure the inflatable, any accessories, sand bags etc stay in the same position they were installed in. Safety mats are installed to protect the rider as they enter and exit the unit.
- If indoors please ensure the inflatable stays where installed. If it moves at all cease using it and call us.
- Do not use the inflatable or allow riders to use it who are under the influence of drugs, medication or alcohol nor riders who are pregnant.

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Inspections of Amusement Devices

Multiple Day Hires: THIS IS FOR OVERNIGHT HIRES

Please use this information for when hiring inflatables for multiple days. It will allow you to safely shut off the hire equipment and reinflate the next day and get it ready for use again.

Turning off Inflatables:

1. Ensure all the patrons have been removed from the inflatable and check the inflatable for any objects left inside (socks, balls etc)
2. Ensure no one is within 5m of the inflatable besides the person turning it off.
3. Turn the blower off at the switch and the inflatable will begin to deflate.
4. As it deflates push it onto itself so it doesn't fall over to one side etc.
5. Turn off and unplug the blower from the power point it is plugged into.

Turning inflatables ON for operation:

1. Ensure no one is within 5m of the inflatable whilst turning it back on.
2. Plug the cord back into the power point and switch on.
3. Turn the blower switch to ON and the inflatable will begin to inflate.
4. Once fully inflated ensure the castle is holding its structure (shape) and all inflated parts have inflated correctly.
5. Complete the Daily Inspection Checklist Below:

Daily Inspection Checklist:

1. If the equipment is outside check the winds are under 40km per hour and there is no rain, storms etc.

2. Check the Inflatable is fully inflated and has enough pressure.
3. Check the blower hose from the inflatable to the blower is straight.
4. Check the blower air inlet has no obstructions covering the intake.
5. Check the blower cord and any extension cords do not present a trip hazard. 6. Ensure that the pegs or sand bags are in the original position and adequately anchor the castle in place.
7. Check that the safety mats around entry/ exit are in position to adequately protect riders going in and out of the inflatable.
8. Check the inflatable inside for any hazards inside such as loose velcro on slide covers, hair pins etc.

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Weather & Amusement Devices

The weather plays a huge part of inflatable safety. Under no circumstance should an inflatable device be operated in high wind or significant rain. This also applies to other items such as pedal karts, anything with an electrical component, mini golf and giant games.

Heat:

1st Fives Inflatables reserve the right to cancel bookings during extreme heat. As a general rule of thumb bookings occurring in temperatures over 38 degrees will depend on their location, time of hire and their structure in relation to sun protection.

Inflatables made from PVC can become extremely hot if exposed to high temperatures and full sun. We will always evaluate the forecast prior to the hire if any adjustments or cancellations need to occur.

Rain:

Inflatables and other amusements should not be operated in rain due to the slippery nature of the equipment. Vinyl can become very very slippery when wet which poses a hazard for slips and falls.

The electric components of the inflatable or amusement also pose a safety risk if operated in the wet.

In the event of rain please remove all riders from the hire equipment. Shut off the equipment at the blower and powerpoint.

Once the rain has passed follow the 'Daily Inspection Checklist' on the previous page as well as wiping the inflatable out fully so that all the surfaces are dry. Check the electrics are dry and wipe off any additional water from the blower and cord joinings (while the power is off).

Wind: IMPORTANT

All inflatables must not be operated in high winds! The maximum wind speed for inflatable devices is 40km per hour.

It is important to regularly monitor the wind and the wind speed forecasts for the duration of the hire. It is important to take into account the direction of the wind and the speed of the gusts which can often be quite irregular and much higher than the wind speed.

1st Fives will always monitor the wind speed during hires and we suggest the customer does the same by using Willy Weather App (and setting it to your location) and by using the Bureau of Meteorology 'detailed forecast' and setting it to your location.

Both these apps will give you hourly predictions of wind speed and gusts as well as real time readings.

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Specific Safety Rules for all our hire equipment:

The following rules apply in conjunction with all relevant manufacturers general inflatable safety rules (section 1). If you have hired Sports Inflatables, Obstacle Courses, IPS Inflatable Games, Yard Games, Pedal Karts, Fun Food Machines etc this is where you will find the relevant safety information.

Please note: a Safety Card will be given on the day with these main rules also.

Inflatables (ALL):

- A **responsible adults** (18 years and over) must closely **supervise** the inflatable and its safe use at all times.
- Adhere to any manufactures rules printed on the inflatable.
- Do not operate if winds exceed 40km/hr or in heavy rain or during a storm- please refer to emergency procedure below
- No food/ drink, animals, glitter, face or body paint, silly string, sand, water, sharp or hard objects to be on or around the inflatable
- Riders must be of similar size/weight. No substantial size/weight differences between riders and no adults permitted on the inflatable unless in an emergency.
- Maximum rider weight of 82kg per person. 480 kg total maximum weight on the unit. • **Only allow a maximum of 6 riders of similar size at one time or as directed by installer.** • No riders with current or pre-existing injuries, or physical or mental impairments that affect their ability to use the inflatable safely, or endangers others.
- Please ensure spectators are at a safe distance from the inflatable (minimum 1 metre away) and that users/spectators are not congregating at entrance or exit of unit
- Do not allow riders to jump/ climb/ sit on the entry/exit or any walls or basketball ring. • Only 1 rider at the top of the slide platform at any one time. Do not overload the slide platform. • **SLIDES:** Riders must go down the slide FEET FIRST with hands on their lap. Riders to go down the slide 1 at a time only. Riders to only go down the slide when the landing area is clear. Do not go down straight after a rider, wait until they have safely exited the area.
- Ensure the inflatable and safety mats stay in the installed position. Check repeatedly through the hire for any movement, particularly for indoor hires.

Inflatable Obstacle Courses (ALL):

- 2 **responsible adults** (18 years and over) must closely **supervise** the obstacle course at all times, one at the entrance and one at the exit (or as directed by installer) ensuring that users are adhering to safety guidelines as well as monitoring the inflatable and surrounding area for potential hazards including the back of the inflatable
- Do not operate if winds exceed 40km/hr or in heavy rain.

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- No shoes, glasses, jewellery, food, animals, face/body paint, glitter or sharp objects to be taken onto course.
 - No riders with current or pre-existing injuries, or physical or mental impairments •
- NEVER allow users to climb or jump over walls or sit on entry/exit.
- **Maximum of 2 users to be on inflatable at one time** that are close in size/weight and only send through in one direction. No running back or hiding in the course.
 - Maximum Rider weight is 82kg per rider.
 - Send the next users through only when the first 2 safely exited the inflatable.
 - **SLIDES:** riders must go down one at a time and feet first only. Do not stand on or jump off the top of slide. Only go down if the landing area is clear.
 - Please ensure spectators are at a safe distance from inflatable (minimum 1 metre) and that users/spectators are not congregating at entrance or exit of inflatable
 - Ensure the obstacle course and any safety mats at entry/exit stay in the installed position. Check regularly throughout the hire for any movement and cease use if this happens.

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- Please ensure spectators are at a safe distance from IPS unit (minimum 1 metre) and that users/spectators are not congregating at entrance or exit of unit
- When using IPS Cones ensure that only the 2 players are running around the cones. All other bystanders should be well away from the set up area to avoid collisions.

Sports and Interactive Inflatables:

- A responsible adult (18 years and over) must closely supervise the inflatable at all times. •

Adhere to any manufacturers rules printed on the inflatable as well as the following.

- Do not operate if winds exceed 40km/hr or in heavy rain or during a storm- please refer to emergency procedure in Safety Pack.
- No shoes, food/ drink, hot implements, chewing gum, animals, glitter, jewellery, face or body paint, silly string, sand, water, sharp or hard objects to be on or around the inflatable

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- Maximum individual rider weight is 80 kg. Total max weight 160kg.
- If riders are permitted on the inflatable: You must keep riders of very similar size on at the same time. No substantial weight/size differences between riders.
- No Riders with current or pre-existing injuries permitted on the inflatable at any time
- No shoes, food, drink, chewing gum, glasses, jewelry, sharp objects, animals, WATER to be on castle at any time.
- No fighting, rough play, flips, somersaults, aggressive play or extreme horseplay permitted
- Enter and exit the inflatable through the designated entrance and exits. Do not sit on or climb/ jump over side walls or entry/exit. Slow on the way in, slow on the way out.
- Use the inflatable in the intended way explained by 1st Fives installer, no other way.
- **Sports inflatables:** the unit is NOT a jumping castle. 3 players at a time. No throwing balls at each other. Do not stand in between the game and the person kicking/throwing the balls. This applies for 3 Play Sports, Hula Toss, Soccer Darts, Wide World Sports & Penalty Shoot out.
- Ensure the inflatable and any safety mats stay in the installed position for the duration of hire. Must have 1m clear space on all sides.

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- Once the machine begins to stop producing floss, remove the stick and fill the head again and repeat the process
- The idea is to get two sticks of floss out of the 1 ½ scoop sugar, turn off and go again

Please observe the following safety precautions as well as the ones stated in the hire agreement accepted online and run through in person:

- Do not overfill the head: it will just waste the sugar
- Keep your hands and the stick well away from spinning head as it is extremely hot and spinning at a

very high speed

- DO NOT fill the machine while it is running: it will make a mess and waste sugar as well as being dangerous.
- DO NOT leave the HEAT button on if the machine is not spinning for more than 1 minute.
- DO NOT turn the machine off while it is still producing floss: it will solidify in the head. Let the machine spit all the floss out prior to turning off.

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Troubleshooting:

- If the power cuts out, you have most likely overloaded the power, please find an alternative power source on another circuit, or remove other appliance from the circuit. Do not plug into power boards or plug in with any other electrical item on the same power point.

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Emergency Procedures:

In an EMERGENCY, the following procedures shall be carried out in a calm and efficient manner, without causing alarm:

Structural Collapse (inflatable starts to deflate):

1. In the event of a structural collapse or partial failure, evacuate the patrons from the inflatable. Exits are through the entry/ exit or emergency exits in roofs if applicable.
2. Assist patrons to exit away from the bouncing area. If a patron is on the slide tell them to come down the slide calmly and exit the inflatable.
3. Check that all the patrons have been evacuated from the inflatable.
4. Assemble patrons at a safe distance away from the inflatable.
5. Notify the owner on **0405 828 273** that the inflatable has collapsed and seek assistance in resolving the issue.
6. If the failure has been attributed to a power failure, do not allow the patrons near or onto the inflatable until it has been fully inflated and tested by trained operator.
7. If the failure is due to another cause, the owner will advise when and how it is safe to allow patrons back on to the inflatable.

Common causes for this:

Someone has unplugged the blower or turned off (eg a naughty kid)

The blower could have something blocking the air inlet on the side of the blower.

Someone or something has cause the extension cord to come loose.

The blower could have been moved and the air hose is not straight allowing enough air in.

Fire:

1. In the event of a fire in the structure or blower fan, evacuate all the patrons from the structure.
2. Check that all the patrons are out of the inflatable and move everybody well away from it.
3. Switch off the electrical supply to the blower fan (at the power point or switchboard).
4. Call the fire service on 000.
5. Only if it is safe to do so, control the fire until the fire service arrives.
6. Notify the owner of the incident on 0405 828 273 or 0420 376 706.

Injury:

1st Fives Inflatables must be notified of any incidents resulting in injury.