# THE INFLATABLE IN USE

- The operator of the inflatable must be a responsible adult over the age of 18. This
  person must ensure the correct age of child only is allowed on this inflatable and no
  one over the age specified showed be allowed entrance. No more than the
  recommended number of children to be allowed at any one time. Neither, should
  any height restriction be broken i.e. the children cannot be taller than the outside
  wall, and only the required number of children can use the inflatable at one time –
  no overcrowding.
- 2. Socks to be worn at all times but no shoes, spectacles or sharp or dangerous objects.
- 3. The operator is to be positioned at the base of the inflatable where the front step is located, a whistle is to be used at the first sight of misbehaviour, keeping an eye on the safety and well being of the users.
- 4. The Operator must be aware that the children should simply bounce up and down, with no climbing, pushing or horseplay. Care must be taken for users to enter at one side and exit at the other. E g. From the left of the step to enter, right of the step to exit. It is important that the users of inflatable slides keep both feet together, legs out stretched and arms folded across the chest. It is the platform supervisors responsibility to enforce this.
- 5. Larger more boisterous children should be segregated from the smaller ones.
- 6. The operator must ensure that the unit remains intact throughout the use, in the event of failure of this, all users are to be safely removed. The inflatable must then be restored prior to any continued use. Any accidents must be reported, and the injured parties representative are to sign and date under the explanation of what occurred in the relevant Accident Record Book.
- 7. The weather conditions are to be monitored, wind rain etc.. The unit should be taken out of use in bad weather.
- 8. The anchorage points are to be checked throughout, to remain in position and intact.
- 9. The blower is to be checked regularly to ensure it remains in place and to guard against any accidents or loss of pressure. The operator should look to check that no rubbish blows to the fan, any rubbish around should be removed. No member of the public should have access to the blower or electric sockets.
- 10. In the use of petrol blowers, the fuel must be stored in an appropriate container, safely away, during re-fuelling the unit shall be safely deflated and the public away.
- 11. The seams and zips should be monitored, to look out for any tears.
- 12. Any windows should be monitored against any tears.
- 13. Care for users to walk away from any anchorage points or cables to avoid tripping.
- 14. Before deflation the operator should check thoroughly that there isn't anyone on or immediately around the unit before deflating and packing away safely.

# PLEASE READ ME !!!!!

## PRODUCE A HIRE AGREEMENT SIMILAR TO OURS

MAKE THE CUSTOMER SIGN 2 CONTRACTS YOU KEEP ONE, THEY KEEP ONE

ALWAYS GIVE GOOD QUALITY PLASTIC CARDS OUT ON DELIVERY OF YOUR CASTLE. TRY A DISCOUNT CARD CLUB.

ASK THE CUSTOMER TO PUT YOU IN THEIR PHONE BOOK UNDER B..... SIGNS ON LAMP POSTS OUTSIDE SCHOOLS

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TRY 0800 NUMBERS THESE ARE NOT EXPENSIVE AND CAN SIT ON ANY TELEPHONE NUMBER

DON'T LEAVE AN ANSWERPHONE ON TO TAKE YOUR CALLS AS THIS DOES NOT WORK, USE DIVERT TO MOBILE OR JUST A GOOD MOBILE NUMBER..

EVERY CALL IS MONEY !!!

TRY BUYING LARGE WINDOW SPACE ON A GOOD CORNER SHOP SITES OR BUILDINGS WHERE PLENTY OF TRAFFIC PASSES. WE CLAIM 40% OF OUR WORK COMES IN FROM THIS METHOD AND YOU CAN LOCALISE THIS.

OFFER A TRUSTING CHALLENGE IN YOUR ADVERTISING !! IF WE DON'T TURN UP WE GIVE YOU THE HIRE FEE

DON'T HIRE SMALL UNITS OVERNIGHT, IT WILL ONLY COST YOU MORE IN REPAIRS

TRY AN AD IN ALL NURSERY SCHOOLS AND OFFER THE OWNER A CUT

REMEMBER BOUNCY CASTLES ARE JUST THE BEGINNING OF YOU HIRE EMPIRE

FOR PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR YOUR INFLATABLES CALL PEACOCKS 0845 388 70 15 LOCAL CALL RATE **OR CHECK OUR NEWS SECTION ON OUR SITE ANDYJ.CO.UK** 

## **IMPORTANT NOTES**

Please refer to the latest published HSE Guidelines in conjunction with this manual. HSE publications can be obtained from HSE Books 01787 881 165. We cannot be held responsible for loss or injury when the product is not used correctly.

LIMITS ON NUMBER OF USERS ON INFLATABLES

10' X 10'	-	MAX 4 CHILDREN
14' X 12'	-	MAX 6 CHILDREN
16' X 14'	-	MAX 6 CHILDREN
15' X 15'	-	MAX 8 CHILDREN
15' X 11'	-	MAX 8 CHILDREN
12' X 12'	-	MAX 6 CHILDREN
20' X 20'	-	MAX 10 CHILDREN
50' X 11'	-	MAX 10 CHILDREN
SLIDES	-	CALL MANUFACTURER FOR ADVICE

(Most slides, especially slides with platforms of 10ft and higher, require at least 2 operators/supervisors, 1 at the platform to prevent somersaults and horseplay 1 at the bottom to prevent overcrowding the inflatable slide.)

For bespoke item or any other size please contact

Please note the height of the users should not exceed the height of the outside walls of the inflatable.

## WEATHER CONDITIONS

Do not use the inflatables in Wet Weather, Storms, High Winds, Snow and Ice and any other bad weather condition that a competent person deems to be unsafe.

## SAFETY MATS

For the safety of the users crash mats need to be positioned at open ended areas of your inflatable, these should be a minimum thickness of 75mm and a minimum of 1.2m in length or width. Or adequate to cover any entrance or exit of the inflatable . (*Mats offered free from ourselves are not safety mats , just on and off mats for adverts or removing shoes though they may provide an amount of soft landing area , these do not meet guide BS EN 14960*) WE SELL THESE BS EN 14960 MATS FOR £99 EACH)

## DAILY CHECKS

Please refer to the enclosed "Daily Checks" Sheet, (these are as per Ent. Sheet No.7 revised January 2004 and EN BS 14960) this outlines checks to carry out on your inflatable, each time before they are used. A record table is placed on the reverse side to assist with your routine maintenance logging all of your checks. (This sheet can be photocopied for use in the future also.) Your safety certificate along with annual inspection log for future 12 month inspection is also attached herein.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF HIRE

Name.....Date.....

If the Hirer is in any doubt as to the meaning of the following, a representative from (the name of your hire company) should immediately be consulted.

THE HIRER will, during the period of the hiring, be responsible for the supervision of the equipment, its care, safety from damage however slight of any sort, and the behaviour of all persons of all ages using the equipment whatever their capacity, including proper supervision of children to ensure children under school age use the equipment separately to older children or adults.

MAXIMUM AGE allowed to use this equipment is \_\_\_\_\_ years and under, failure to observe this limit at any time during the hire period will render the hirer liable for associated repair costs.

THE HIRER shall not use the equipment for any purpose other than that described in the hiring agreement, and shall not sub-hire or use the equipment or allow the equipment to be used for any unlawful purpose or in any unlawful way, nor allow anyone onto the equipment wearing shoes, spectacles, carrying sharp objects, key-rings, metal studded clothing or any other similar items which could cause damage to others or the equipment. No food or drink is to be taken onto or consumed on the equipment. No Party Poppers, Coloured streamers or Silly String should be taken, thrown or sprayed onto the equipment, these materials permanently stain the material and the hirer will be liable to compensate (your company name) in the event of damage.

THE HIRER shall be deemed to have inspected the equipment (accessories and trailer(s) if supplied) and to have agreed that it is supplied in good condition unless he/she brings to the attention of (your company name) when it is set up and checked by the hirer when coming in to possession of the equipment any faults noted by the Hirer.

THE HIRE PERIOD unless otherwise agreed is from delivery until \_\_\_\_\_\_ or after at the discretion of (your company name) any obstruction by the hirer or their guests causing unnecessary delay will be charged at £35 per hour or part of, this also applies where ballpit balls are not bagged and ready for collection.

PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE is excluded in its entirety following any claim or injury to any third party or employee whether directly or indirectly related to the use of drugs and/or alcohol. (Your company name) excludes any liability for injury loss or damage caused to any person using the equipment contrary to the terms and conditions of this contract. IMPORTANT NOTICE Provided that the equipment is used in accordance with the above guidelines and conditions of hire, those using the inflatable should do so safely. However, accidents can happen. (your company name) can accept no liability for injuries sustained or any other loss, howsoever caused, in the absence of the negligence of (your company name) or its employees. As the equipment will be in the hirers possession and control whilst in use rather than (your company name), any liability for injuries or other losses caused other than in the circumstances described above rests with the hirer. Accordingly, it is strongly recommended that the hirer has adequate public liability insurance covering his or her liability arising from the use of the inflatable. I DECLARE that I have read and understand these terms and conditions of hire and any relevant operating and safety instructions supplied with the equipment, and I sign the contract fully aware of the implications and responsibilities placed upon me by doing so.

Signed.....Date.....Date.....

#### HOW TO ERECT A BOUNCY CASTLE

When in use in a public place it is essential to carry out a risk assessment. Generic example risk assessment templates for our products can be found on the health and safety section of our website. Please note these are only example risk assessments and it is the inflatable owners duty to complete a suitable and safe risk assessment.

1 Send out your size guide to customers to ensure you will have enough space. This is simply the size of the inflatable with a minimum 2' each side and a minimum 4' at the rear and 4' at the front. To be positioned where users can get on and off safely. You can also attach your copy hire agreement at this time.

2 You need to site the castle on clean, clear grass preferably. Slightly uneven ground is alright but not big slopes as this would be dangerous. If placing on concrete you will need to secure to something heavy. Check for any low trees or overhead cables and set away from these.

3 Inspect the ground moving any debris.

4 Place down your ground sheet.

5 Move your castle in place, using a sack truck and the correct manual handling techniques, roll your castle into the centre, and the blower to be inflated (the rear).

6 Once your castle is unfolded, attach your blower, by opening the tube up and stretching across the funnel, use the rope that the castle was originally tied with to secure the funnel tightly in place.

7 Unwind your extension cable and plug into blower. (The blower needs to be checked periodically to ensure it doesn't have any rubbish blown against it.) NO MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO BE ALLOWED NEAR THE BLOWER AT ANY TIME.

8 Switch on the power.

9 Once inflated anchor the loops on the castle – it is always best to make an additional small loop with rope so that the castle isn't pinned down tightly, just so that it can move slightly and not cause a rip. A wooden mallet is ideal to hammer the pegs firmly in place.

10 Ensure the cables are trailed away safely and taped down if necessary.

11 A circuit breaker is very useful to use and test your units with.

12 If you are a petrol blower, you will need to regulate the motor adequately, and ensure any spare fuel is stored away somewhere safe.

13 You can now begin your safety check over the unit prior to filling in your Daily Check Maintenance Log and then have a customer sign agreement.

## DAILY USE CHECKLIST AND MAINTENANCE LOG

1 Check that the site remains suitable, with crowd control measures in place if appropriate.

2 Check anchorages are intact, protected where necessary, and ropes not worn or chafed.

3 Check anchor system secures the inflatable device to the ground.

4 Check there are no significant holes or rips in the fabric or seams.

5 Check the towers and wall to bed seams are intact.

6 Check the correct blower specified for the device is being used and the air pressure is sufficient to give a reliable and firm footing.

7 Check there are no exposed electrical contacts, there is no wear on electric cables and plugs, sockets and switches are not damaged.

8 If an internal combustion engine is used, that the fuel cap is placed firmly on the fuel tank and any reserve fuel tank is suitable and remains in a safe position.

9 Check bolts and screws of the blower are properly secured and that robust guards are secured over the air inlet and outlet.

10 Check the blower/inflation tube connection is in good condition and is firmly fixed to the blower and:

11 Check the blower is positioned correctly allowing for maximum airflow, and that it is adequately protected or guarded and is not causing a tripping hazard. THE OPERATOR MUST CHECK REGULARLY DURING THE OPERATION.

12 Check the inflation zips are closed and that any additional deflation tubes are tied off. Don't let the blower that will restrict the air circulation.

13 Nothing is to be placed over the blower that will restrict the air circulation.

14 The general public are to be kept away during safety check, inflation and deflation. Before deflation the unit is to be checked to ensure it is empty.

The public should not use the inflatable until any defects identified in the daily check have been rectified.

PRIOR TO COMMENCING IT IS WORTH STUDYING A COPY OF PR EN14960 THIS IS AVAILABLE AT <u>WWW.ANDYJ.CO.UK</u> OR BY SIMPLY, EMAILING <u>AJLUK@AOL.COM</u> FOR A DRAFT COPY THIS, IT IS 40 PAGES , SO TO SAVE TREES EMAIL WOULD BE PREFFERED AND WE WILL BE PLEASED THAT YOU HAVE ACTED UPON THE INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS DOCUMENT ACCORDINGLY.

## HOW TO PACK AWAY YOUR INFLATABLES

1 Make sure the bouncy castle is completely empty of all children and any debris.

2 Switch off the electrical supply and disconnect the blower.

3 Allow the bouncy castle to completely deflate, whilst packing all of the accessories safely away.

4 Straighten the base and fold the walls neatly inwards.

5 Fold in half and half again, the same way.

6 Roll slowly and as tightly as possible from the front towards the air vent.

7 Tie around with rope or belt and store safely away.

## HOW TO CLEAN YOUR INFLATABLES

Remember to always have your hire agreement signed and check your unit over when you collect. Should your castle be particularly dirty (this shouldn't happen) you need to discuss a cleaning charge with the customer as per signed agreement. Castles need minimal cleaning so long as the operating instructions are followed. Use of a groundsheet and a quick wipe over of any muddy or grubby part when you collect (keep a damp and dry towel in your van) should minimise the cleaning of the unit as a whole. When however you do want to clean your unit you can follow the steps below.

1 Try to pick a sunny, dry day to inflate and clean your castle.

2 Ordinary washing up liquid in a bucket of warm water along with a couple of sponges and some old towels is all you need.

3 If the roof is particularly dirty, have the castle deflated and taking of our shoes and flattening in sections clean the roof or top first.

4 Wash over with the sponge and water one section at a time, drying off in period so that you don't get runs.

5 Change your water regularly.

6 Clean the outside area next.

7 Finally hoover inside the castle ( this removes grass and sand etc) and finish of cleaning inside.

8 Allow to blow for a while before deflating and packing away.

9 If your castle gets soaked on a rainy day, store away on a pallet so that the water drains down as much as possible. Storing wet castles is not recommended.

10 To remove mildew from your castle, using a solution of  $\frac{1}{2}$  bleach and  $\frac{1}{2}$  water directly on the mildew stains should do the trick.

11 Rinse thoroughly once you have wiped over the effected area and air dry before rolling up and packing away. (Make sure the bleach is not in contact with the vinyl material for any length of time as it could cause fading).

## HOW TO CARRY OUT MINOR COSMETIC REPAIRS

If you are in need of repair it will have been caused by too much weight on your castle whilst on hire. Always ensure that units aren't being used by anyone over the age of 11, (basically noone taller that the outside walls) or younger on ballponds and soft play equipment. Ensure every customer signs the disclaimer, and that they check the unit over with you when you deliver and with you again when you collect. Therefore in the event of any damage being caused during the hire, you are able to claim back and repair costs, directly from the customer as they signed agreeing this condition.

### **USING GLUE**

We can supply you with pvc patches, and suitable adhesive. The procedure to attach the patch is as follows:

- 1 Deflate the unit.
- 2 Clean the area to be patched, free it from grease, dust etc.
- 3 Ensure the repair area is flat.
- 4 Cut the patch (larger than the damaged area) with no sharp areas, (circles work well).
- 5 Apply the glue to both patch and damaged area, ensuring you do not spill it on your inflatable.
- 6 Leave until the glue goes tacky (around 10 minutes).

7 Place a piece of paper on top of the now adhered patch and then a large rag/towel on top of this.

8 Place a heavy weight on top of this and leave for 1 to 2 hours to bond.

### USING THREAD TO SEW

You will need some thread (we can post you some appropriate thread out). A large needle from a standard pack. Pliers or grips.

- 1 Deflate the unit.
- 2 Pinch the wound together to form a lip.

3 Weave the needle and thread around in a circular fashion over and under USING THE PLIERS OR GRIPS TO FORCE THE NEEDLE THROUGH THE FABRIC of the lip to hold it together.

Come backwards with the needle and thread to lock.

FOR REPAIRS AND UNIT OVERHAULS PLEASE CALL US ON 0151 487 3336 YOU CAN BRING THE UNIT YOURSELF OR WE CAN ARRANGE TO HAVE IT COLLECTED AND THEN DELIVERED BACK TO YOU. PLEASE NOTE ONLY CLEAN AND DRY CASTLES WILL BE ABLE TO BE MOUNTED ON THE TABLES FOR REPAIRS. WE DO NOT REPAIR DIRTY OR WET UNITS.

#### **O** GLADIATOR DUALS

Gladiator duals are completely safe if used correctly.

Only 2 players of similar age to use this equipment.

THIS IS NOT A BOUNCY CASTLE and should not be use for bouncing on . You must never enter onto the fall bed when players are duelling. Care must be taken when stepping on and off the fall bed as it needs to be quite thick to protect the users when falling, we strongly advise you adequately mat the whole perimeter of the bed with high density suitable foam matting. This game requires a constant responsible supervisor at all times. This game is not to be used by anyone with a medical history of back, heart or limb problems or anybody under the influence of drugs or alcohol. It is strongly advised you ask players to sign an advice sheet on using the equipment making sure they are aware of these conditions.

#### O Bespoke Design Orders

Where a bespoke design is requested by a customer, appropriate or current guidelines may not be met. Andy J. Leisure ltd holds no responsibility to ensure that the customers requirements meet the latest available guidelines or standards.

It is the customers duty to ensure the design they have bespoke requested is safe and appropriate for the need of their business. We do not accept responsibility for loss, injury or death on any inflatable produced to a customers bespoke design or specification.

# **INFLATABLE OPERATOR MAINTENANCE LOG**

DATE	CHECKED BY	ANY ACTION	CONFIRM SAFE TO OPERATE

# WARRANTY LIMITATIONS

ALL INFLATABLES MANUFACTURED AND SOLD BY AJL HAVE A WARRANTY TO PURCHASERS WHO WISH TO RE-SELL THE INFLATABLE TO ANY BUSINESS THAT IS INVOLVED WITH THE MANUFACTURERS INTENT

THE LIMITED MANUFACTURERS WARRANTY IS APPLICABLE AGAINST ANY DEFECT IN THE WORKMANSHIP OF THE INFLATABLE AND AGAINST MATERIAL DEFECT FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR FROM THE SHIPPING DATE.

ALL UNITS SHOULD BE INFLATED UPON ARRIVAL AND EXAMINED CAREFULLY, ANY DAMAGE INCURRED THROUGH MISHANDLING OF THE CARRIER OR WEATHER RELATED DAMAGE. IS NOT THE LIABILITY OF THE MANUFACTURER. PLEASE REPORT DAMAGE TO YOUR CARRIER, ANY DEFECT FOUND, SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE MANUFACTURER IN WRITING WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE ARRIVAL DATE. FAILURE OF BUYER TO GIVE WRITTEN NOTICE SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE A WAIVER OF A CLAIM FOR DEFECTIVE PRODUCTS.

AJL HAS THE RIGHT TO INSPECT THE UNIT AND IF THE DEFECT HAS OCCURRED UNDER THE CONDITIONS LISTED IN THIS LIMITED WARRANTY, SAID MANUFACTURER WILL DETERMINE WHETHER IT IS PRACTICAL TO REPAIR OR REPLACE THE DAMAGED OR DEFECTIVE PARTS AT THE DESIGNATED LOCATION THAT THE MANUFACTURER HAS AUTHORIZED.

OUR WARRANTY IS NOT A GUARANTEE THAT THE PRODUCT WILL NOT THROUGH USE, HANDLING AND STORAGE DEVELOP TEARS OR PUNCTURES FROM TIME TO TIME, THE REPAIR OF WHICH IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BUYER. IMPROPER MAINTENANCE OR ACCIDENTAL, ABUSIVE, OR NEGLIGENT TREATMENT OF THE INFLATABLE WILL INVALIDATE THE WARRANTY. THE COST OF SHIPPING THE UNITS TO THE LOCATION THAT AJL HAS DESIGNATED FOR EVALUATION WITHIN THE WARRANTY PERIOD, IS THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BUYER. IF THE DEFECTS PROVE TO DEFECTIVE, SAID MANUFACTURER WILL BEAR THE COST OF SHIPPING THE REPAIRED OR REPLACED PRODUCT TO THE BUYER OTHERWISE, ALL SHIPPING COSTS WILL BE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BUYER.

#### DISCLAIMER

THE SAID MANUFACTURER, BEING AJL INFLATABLES, HAS MADE EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT TO ILLUSTRATE SIZE AND DIMENSIONS AS IN THE ADVERTISING. ALL SIZES ARE BASED ON PRE-ASSEMBLED MEASUREMENTS, AND THEREFORE WILL VARY SLIGHTLY. ALL MEASUREMENTS INCLUDE THE FRONT STEP

THE DESCRIPTIONS USED ARE FOR THE MANUFACTURERS SOLE IDENTITY OF THE PRODUCT. AND HAVE NO CLAIM AGAINST THE WARRANTY LIMITATIONS

AJL DISCLAIMS ANY RESPONSIBILITY WHATSOEVER TO BUYER OR TO ANY OTHER PERSON FOR INJURY TO PERSON(S) CAUSED BY ANY PRODUCT WHICH HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO MISUSE, NEGLIGENCE, OR ACCIDENTS; OR MISAPPLIED OR MODIFIED; OR IMPROPERLY INSTALLED AS SET FORTH IN THE CODE OF PRACTICE.

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WE MUST POINT OUT THAT ALL UNITS ARE TESTED THOROUGHLY BEFORE LEAVING OUR PREMISES. SHOULD STITCHING BREAK ON THE BED THIS IS DUE TO INCORRECT USE OF THE INFLATABLE AND WILL NOT BE COVERED IN THIS GUARANTEE. ABIDE BY THE GUIDELINES FOR THE SIZE OF INFLATABLE AND YOUR UNIT WILL LAST MANY SEASONS. ALL SIZES ARE APPROXIMATE AND COLOURS MAY VARY,

# HELP PACK ~LOG BOOK ~TEMPLATE

# INSTRUCTIONS



Further tips and reading can be found at <u>www.andyj.co.uk</u> start up guide.