

## **Safety of Inflatable Play Equipment (“Bouncy Castles” or similar)**

Inflatable play equipment is "designed to be used by members of the public for entertainment purposes either as a slide or for bouncing upon". Inflatables are great fun but accidents involving broken limbs and necks are not uncommon. In the last few years there have been at least two fatal accidents involving children using bouncy castles.

There are various sources of guidance available to ensure use of inflatables can be undertaken safely. Please find below, a link to guidance from the **Health and Safety Executive (HSE)** on the safe use and hire of inflatables.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/entertainment/fairgrounds/inflatables.htm>

Any person organising the use of an inflatable at school events must ensure that they follow the guidance in the link above.