

Risk Assessment Activity – Inflatables (Indoors)

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<p>Overview: The inflatable obstacle course offers two people the opportunity to compete over a 20-metre course. This instructed activity takes place in the Sports Hall on site at Pioneer Centre. The session also offers inflatable ‘Dodgeball’ and ‘Beat The Goalie’ (football) elements. Staff that run the sessions are in house trained. Staff to Client ratios is 2 or more staff depending upon the group size. Maximum number of participants is 60. An annual inspection will be carried out by an external inspector who will come in and check the suitability of all the inflatables and any actions will be followed up in an appropriate manner by the senior activities team.</p>				
Hazards	Groups of People at Risk from the Hazards Identified	Probability Severity Risk Category	Control Measures – Reduces the severity and lowers the probability to acceptable levels	
Slips, trips and falls	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Likely	A brief is given on the safety rules to ensure proper use of courses and spotters and crash mats are positioned at key points around the courses. No food or drink incl. chewing gum Participants only go on courses when inflated and instructors are present to run and supervise the sessions.	
		Minor		
		Medium		
Bumping into one another	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Likely	Safety talk warns about this, and instructors remove participants acting boisterously. Instructors run and supervise the sessions and ensure the group is following safety rules and instructions.	
		Minor		
		Medium		
Awkward landings	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Likely	Instructors brief about “no flips on the elements” and give guidance for movement where needed.	
		Major		
		High		
Hair caught on Velcro	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Unlikely	Instructors brief about hair being tied back and appropriate clothing.	
		Minor		
		Low		
Equipment Failure	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Very unlikely	Inflatables made by registered suppliers and maintained to a good standard. Monthly safety checks are carried out on all equipment and an annual inspection is carried out by an external company to ensure equipment and elements are still in good working order. Staff are in-house trained in set up procedures to ensure equipment functions as it should.	
		Major		
		Medium		

Collision into walls	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Unlikely	Hanging crash mats are in place where collisions are possible, and staff supervise and control groups to avoid collisions.
		Major	
		Medium	
Injury due to incorrect lifting techniques	Instructors & Staff	Likely	Instructors are put through a training and sign off recorded to ensure correct lifting techniques are known and used. This is done via a manual handling training video. Always a minimum of two instructors involved in transfer and unpacking/repacking.
		Major	
		Medium	
Unauthorized or inappropriate use	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Unlikely	Instructors always present for use of inflatables and equipment deflated whenever not in supervised use. The Sports hall locked shut when not in use.
		Major	
		Medium	
Friction Burns	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Unlikely	Guests advised to wear long sleeves and trousers over short sleeved t-shirts and shorts to help avoid friction burns on knees and elbows.
		Minor	
		Low	
Fire	Instructors, staff and guest/participants	Very unlikely	Fire alarms and procedures are in place and staff trained to carry out procedures.
		Major	
		Medium	