



# Safety and Inflatable Fun Jumpers

(Use this checklist to provide added safety)

## Before you begin:

\_\_\_\_\_ Your area must be flat.

\_\_\_\_\_ Do not set up on paved surfaces

\_\_\_\_\_ You will need at least 5 feet of space on all sides of the inflatable

\_\_\_\_\_ Make sure there are no overhanging branches or power lines that would be too close to the inflatable

\_\_\_\_\_ Do you have a sprinkler system? If so, make sure you know exactly where the sprinkler lines are and mark them for your rental company. They will need to tether your inflatable by staking it into the ground - with stakes as long as 40 inches!

\_\_\_\_\_ Find out where any underground gas, water, or power lines are located and have the locations marked. (If you use stakes rather than tethering)

\_\_\_\_\_ Clear the entire event area of debris, including sticks, rocks, toys, and animal waste

\_\_\_\_\_ Do you have accessible power? Ask your rental company how many blowers you will need. You should have a separate 20 amp circuit available for each blower (they will have appropriate extension cords).

\_\_\_\_\_ Protect the power source for the blowers to prevent deflation with participants inside.

\_\_\_\_\_ Do not use you inflatable jumpers in winds over 25 mph

## **While at Play:**

- Split kids by size: most significant injuries on bouncers come from having large kids mixed in with smaller ones. Bouncers are, well, bouncy. Regardless of temperament or intent, the kids will be bumping and falling into each other. Make sure that only children of about the same size are in the bouncer at any one time. Rotate them in and out in shifts by size.
- No shoes, jewelry, food or drink: anyone entering your bouncer must remove their shoes, jewelry, watches, etc. This includes sharp object like keys from pockets. Anything that could fall out and scratch the inflatable. It's safer all around, and you don't want a repair cost deducted from your deposit! Likewise food, drinks, and gum should be kept out.
- Follow the rules: your inflatable will have a sign built onto it near the entrance posting the rules created by the manufacturer of the inflatable. Know them and follow them.
- Supervise: jumping and sliding and climbing is great fun, but you want to make sure things don't get out of hand. A responsible adult should be observing each of your inflatable's at all times to make sure things stay under control

## **Getting out:**

The step leading out of a bouncer is inflatable and bouncy too, and getting out is awkward. This is the most common area for scraped knees and elbows. Make sure an adult is available to help people out of the bouncer.