

Weeke Community Centre - Inflatable Devices Policy

Any inflatable used at Weeke Community Centre needs to adhere to this policy. Failure to do so will result in the device being removed from the premises, reported to the relevant council and the hiring being null and void for the rest of the time of the event.

Any inflatable used for commercial purposes in the UK should have been made to the British Standard BS EN14960:2013. The standard included stipulations on the material that the inflatable is made from, how many anchor points it should have, and where these should be. This will be mentioned in all documentation provided by the hire company.

Power

Any inflatable devices used at Weeke Community Centre must be provided with a 240V blower. Any which are powered by a generator are not permitted to be used in the hall(s). Any inflatable device used outside may use a generator to provide power provided that appropriate safety measures have been met. The generator will need to be fenced off, and with a fire extinguisher provided adjacent. Any fuel cans for the generator need to be stored away from the generator and not left open.

Anchor Points

Any inflatable device must be made with at least six anchor points. Every anchor point fitted by the inflatable manufacturer must be used. For outdoor use the size of the ground stakes should be a minimum of 16mm diameter, at least 380mm long, and resembling a shepherd's crook. For indoor use, the device will still need to be anchored. The operators' manual will give guidance on this.

Wind Speeds

If an inflatable device is to be used on the outside areas of the centre it needs to be used in wind speeds less than 24 miles per hour (38kph). A wind meter must be in operation where the inflatable is being used and measurements should be taken at frequent intervals.

Users and Supervision.

All Inflatables should be supplied with operational information. This is mandatory if the device has been "dry hired" (i.e. the operator has set up and then left it for you to supervise). This sheet will contain information about the number of children/adults allowed on it at any one time relating to their height. Information should also contain advice about the type of behaviour not allowed on the inflatable.

The device needs to be fenced off from around the back and sides to prevent any trip hazards for users of the device.

The device should be supervised at all times and the supervisor should have a whistle to gain the attention of the children. The supervisor must be over 18 years old.

Throughout the event, someone should continue to check the device to make sure anchor points haven't dislodged, that the inflation tube between the castle and blower is secure and that any rips or tear haven't occurred.

Certificates and Other Safety

The following documentation and certifications must be provided by the supplier of the device to the user to pass on to Weeke Community Centre. This must be provided no later than 2 weeks before an event to allow adequate time for Weeke Community Centre to review and verify the documents. Failure to do so will result in the booking being cancelled in full.

- Public Liability insurance cover
- Safety certificate(s) for their equipment
- Risk Assessment
- Operation manual

Safety certificates will only be accepted if they have been issued by PIPA or ADIPS. These certificates will be verified on PIPA and ADIPS websites.

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