

## Risk Assessment – Children’s Ball Pit

| Hazard Area         | Risk   | Existing Controls   | Likelihood<br>1 - 5  | Severity<br>1 - 5    | Risk Score<br>L x S  | Further Action to take   |
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| Children’s Ball Pit | Users falling over during activity.                      | Ensure all use is within the limits of the mats provided. No ride on toys or hard objects are to be placed on or near the mats provided.  | 5                    | 1                    | 5                    | In the event of large numbers of participants trained operators can be supplied with the inflatable to aid with large numbers / big crowds. If dry hired, educate the hiree to follow the full terms and conditions as well as the terms of hire. Reinforce the policies shown in these documents. Show safety cartoons if required to help educate the hiree. |
| Children’s Ball Pit | Over enthusiastic participants.                          | Responsible person supervising at all times. Throwing equipment is NOT PERMITTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES or climbing on the equipment if stacked up.  | 3                    | 2                    | 6                    | In the event of large numbers of participants trained operators can be supplied with the inflatable to aid with large numbers / big crowds. If dry hired, educate the hiree to follow the full terms and conditions as well as the terms of hire. Reinforce the policies shown in these documents. Show safety cartoons if required to help educate the hiree. |
| Children’s Ball Pit | Danger of unnecessary injury.                            | Ensure that no one with a history of back / neck problems, heart conditions, anyone who is feeling unwell, is suffering the effects of alcohol or drugs use do NOT use any equipment at any time. This also includes pregnant women.  | 2                    | 5                    | 10                   | Educate the hiree to follow the full terms and conditions as well as the terms of hire. Reinforce the policies shown in these documents. Show safety cartoons if required to help educate the hiree.   |
| Children’s Ball Pit | Overcrowding of Equipment.                               | Ensure that users have plenty of room in and around the matted area and Ball Pit. Limit the age / height of users to specified agreements in the terms of hire. Ensure a responsible person supervising at all times.   | 2                    | 3                    | 6                    | Educate the hiree to follow the full terms and conditions as well as the terms of hire. Reinforce the policies shown in these documents. Show safety cartoons if required to help educate the hiree.   |
| Children’s Ball Pit | Larger participants colliding with smaller participants. | Responsible person supervising at all times ensuring participants are placed in weight / height categories or in similar size categories for safe use. Please follow the manufactures guidance on the front of the ball pit.  | 2                    | 5                    | 10                   | Educate the hiree to follow the full terms and conditions as well as the terms of hire. Reinforce the policies shown in these documents. Show safety cartoons if required to help educate the hiree.   |
| Children’s Ball Pit | Adverse weather conditions - WIND                        | Ball pits is not permitted to be used in strong winds (over 24 mph) including gusts. Windy conditions can be deemed a health and safety risk. All Staff are trained to know this and carry aerometers to check wind speeds regularly. In the event of high winds after set up, place soft play indoors or under shelter with walls. | Dependant on weather | Dependant on weather | Dependant on weather | Reinforce policy by showing the terms of hire and or health and safety page located on the SoSoft Play website. If winds are expected after set up at any point, leave aerometer and train hiree on when and how to check if the wind conditions are safe.   |
| Children’s Ball Pit | Injury through lack of supervision.                      | A fully trained operator must be present with the ball pit at all times, in the event that the operator is not in view Do Not enter the any circumstances.  | 2                    | 5                    | 10                   | Show the safety cartoons located on the terms and conditions page of the SoSoft Play website to help control and better organise the hiree’s supervision techniques.   |

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| Children's Ball Pit | Injury through incorrect positioning.   | Fully train hiree of correct supervision policy. Its Recommended a fully trained operator must be present at all times, in the event that the operator is not in view Do Not enter the ball pit in any circumstances.   | 1 | 5 | 5  | Educate the hiree to follow the full terms and conditions as well as the terms of hire. Reinforce the policies shown in these documents. Show safety cartoons if required to help educate the hiree.  |
| Children's Ball Pit | Choking.  | No food, drinks, chewing gum, balloons, silly string or alike to be allowed on or near the ball pit.<br>Ensure users don't put ball pit balls in their mouths; this also is for HYGIENE REASONS. Use of commercial BS grade balls means they can't be rushed and are too big to place in mouth. Ensure there is no broken balls in the ball pit before event start. | 2 | 5 | 10 | Educate the hiree to follow the full terms and conditions as well as the terms of hire. Reinforce the policies shown in these documents. Show safety cartoons if required to help educate the hiree. Ensure broken balls are moved through the period of the event / party. |
| Children's Ball Pit | Injury through 3 <sup>rd</sup> party items and 3 <sup>rd</sup> part bodies / spectator's. | All shoes, glasses, jewellery, badges MUST be removed before using the ball pit.<br>Always ensure that the area surrounding the Activity is not overcrowded and free from objects.  | 3 | 3 | 9  | Educate the hiree to ensure no one is located in the safe clear area through the hire and no hard objects are placed in accordance to the BS EN 14960:2006 guidelines for correct space around a castle during the hire period  |
| Children's Ball Pit | Danger of fire.   | No smoking or barbecues near the Activity at any time.  | 1 | 5 | 5  | Educate the hiree to follow the full terms and conditions as well as the terms of hire. Reinforce the policies shown in these documents. Show safety cartoons if required to help educate the hiree.  |
| Children's Ball Pit | Emergency.  | In the event that someone is seriously injured, DO NOT move the individual, remove all users from the equipment and dial 999 immediately.   | 1 | 5 | 5  | Assist first / emergency aiders and clearly log the incident in the book provided upon arrival after the incident.  |
| Children's Ball Pit | Injury through de lamination or foam being exposed.                                       | Visual inspections during set up and test annually from defects.  | 1 | 5 | 5  | Educate the hiree to removed defected or broken items / equipment throughout the period of the event / party.   |
| Children's Ball Pit | Balls being thrown.   | Responsible person supervising at all times. Throwing equipment is NOT PERMITTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. Remove  | 3 | 1 | 3  | If dry hired, educate the hiree to follow the full terms and conditions as well as the terms of hire. Reinforce the policies shown in these documents. Show safety cartoons if required to help educate the hiree.  |
| Children's Ball Pit | Adverse weather conditions – RAIN.  | The equipment is not to be used in heavy rain, no users are allowed on the equipment whilst the entrance / exit or play area is bubbling or wet.<br>Ensure that the hiree is aware of the wet weather policy upon arrival and correct supervision is maintained at all times.   | 2 | 5 | 10 | Reinforce policy by showing the terms of hire and or health and safety page located on the SoSoft Play website.   |

L=Likelihood S=Severity L\*S= Risk 1=Low 5=High

Risk is worked out using numbers 1 - 5. The likelihood is given a number and this is multiplied by the number given to the severity of the risk.

The result = the risk factor. This children's ball pit risk assessment covers basic practice; it also has the most common risks, preventions and outcomes. If a more detailed risk assessments is needed then it should be done in accordance with your event or company regulations and policy's. 25 is the worst possible outcome, any item reaching 25 would give serious cause for concern and we would not be able to erect the unit. Again it is recommended that clients undertake their own risk assessment to suit their requirements. This risk assessment doesn't not cover movement of ball pit and isn't site specific.

#### Definitions and Interpretation

>**Responsible person** – A person over 18 years of age whom is free from alcohol and drugs (prescription or not).

>**trained operators can be supplied** – Refusal of trained staff can be made and dry hire agreements can be implemented. This passes all liability to the hiree and users of the equipment.

SoSoft Play can't be held liable accidents and injury cased during dry hire periods.

> **A fully trained operator / hiree** – A member of the SoSoft Play team or a trained hiree who has been shown the equipment and read / signed the terms of hire and agreed to the full terms and conditions.

