



Bounce House Safety

Inflatable bounce houses, also known as bouncy castles, moonbounces, jumping balloons, and inflatables, are a popular attraction for both public and private children events. While they can be a source of fun for many children, inflatable injuries and incidents involving weather have been on the rise. These incidents can lead to minor or serious injuries for riders and/or bystanders. The rise in injuries was studied and published in the journal *Pediatrics*, where researchers revealed that an estimated 65,000 children were injured in inflatable bounce houses between 1990 and 2010. From our research, we have determined that there have been 271 injuries due to weather-related bounce house accidents since 2000. To reduce your risk, follow these three easy steps!

1. Keep an eye on the weather!

- Check the weather forecast to see if there is wind or severe weather in the forecast.
- Watch for wind alerts issued by the National Weather Service for your area.
- A good indicator of high winds is when wind raises dust, small branches move, or your clothing blows in the wind.
- If there are high winds or a sudden gust of wind, quickly empty the bounce house and follow proper deflating procedures.

TIP: Many bounce house rental companies have a weather cancellation policy. If the wind is going to be high, call and reschedule your bounce house!



Source: HLNTV

2. Set up the bounce house correctly!

- Choose a location free of rocks, gravel, and other debris.
- Anchor the bounce house around the bottom edge by attaching stakes into the ground.
- Attach the blower to the bounce house.
- Carefully watch the bounce house inflate, and check for proper inflation.



Source: Bounce New York



Source: Dayton Daily News

3. Always have an adult watching!

- Wind speeds can quickly change, so make sure an adult is always watching the bounce house.
- Have the adult enforce the guidelines outlined on the bounce house.
- If an operator is not provided, talk with the other adults and take turns carefully watching the bounce house.

Note: These are only a few tips that you can do to protect your family from bounce house injuries. We have prioritized weather in our messaging, due to a lack of safety information on the topic. For more information on bounce house safety, please visit our website: www.weathertobounce.com.