



Bounce Back Castles Ltd - Whack-a-mole Risk Assessment

Hazard area	HAZARD	Existing control methods	Harm 1-5	Likelihood 1-5	Risk 1-5	Further controls to reduce risk
Whack a Mole	Over enthusiastic participants - Users	Adult supervision at all times	1	1	1	Participants put into groups of similar size/age. Children to slide feet first only.
Whack a Mole	Climbing on top of unit - Users	Adult supervision at all times	2	2	4	Users that do not listen to safety instructions should not be allowed to continue to use the inflatable
Whack a Mole	Lack of supervision	Inflatable not operated when there is no supervision	5	1	5	Deflate the item to prevent it being used
Whack a Mole	Danger of injury due to hard surfaces	Inflatable should never be used during inflating or deflation. Inflatable needs to be fully inflated	4	1	4	
Whack a Mole	Tripping over anchorage points/spare equipment/electrical cable - Users/Public	All anchor points used as per manufacturers instructions and spare equipment leads etc either stowed/erected safely	1	1	1	In event of large number of participants attending, Where possible fencing erected. additional safety electrical cables does not cross any public pathway. If unavoidable cable erected overhead or covered.
Whack a Mole	Adverse weather conditions - Users	In heavy rain or high winds the equipment should not be used. Electrical equipment must be stored in a sheltered area.	2	5	10	Deflate item in high winds.
Whack a Mole	Injury through incorrect positioning of the Inflatable. - Users/Public	Do not move or try to reposition the Unit or interfere with the anchor pegs or sandbags	1	4	4	
Whack a Mole	Danger of falling from height - Users	Climbing, hanging or sitting on walls is DANGEROUS and must not be allowed	1	2	2	Users that are too boistrous and refuse to behave responsibly should be removed from the inflatable.
Whack a Mole	Choking - Users	No eating, drinking or chewing gum whilst using inflatables	5	2	10	
Whack a Mole	Danger of unnecessary injury - Users	Ensure that no one with a history of back or neck problems, or who suffers from a heart problem or is under the influence of drugs or alcohol uses the equipment	5	2	10	
Whack a Mole	Injury by failure of equipment - Users	Supervisor must inspect the equipment regularly.	3	1	3	Check inflatable is at good pressure and that the area points are secured by either sand bags or steel stakes. Ensure that safety mats are in the correct positions.
Whack a Mole	Slips and trips - Users	Ensure all walk ways are clear of hazards and the inflatable is clear and dry	3	1	3	
Whack a Mole	Risk of fire from generator/blower - Users/Public	All spare fuel is stored in a suitable marked container and is in a safe place. Refuelling should only be done when the inflatable is switched off.	5	1	5	
Whack a Mole	Injury from 3rd party objects. - Users/Public	Ensure the area is clear of hazardous materials.	3	1	3	Shoes should be warned when waiting to use the equipment.

Whack a Mole	Friction burn to skin. - Users	Ensure all slides and ladders have no sharp or rough surfaces.	1	3	3	Socks should be used.
Whack a Mole	Falling between the joint of the inflatables. - Users	Ensure both inflatables are at a good pressure and all securing devices are in use.	2	1	2	Users should be warned to take extra care on this part of the inflatable.
Whack a Mole	Injury from over crowding - Users	Ensure that the maximum number of users is observed.	2	1	2	With large numbers of users more than one supervisor may be needed
Whack a Mole	Injury by collision between users.	All users should be of a similar size/weight	2	2	4	Users that are too boisterous and refuse to behave responsibly should be removed from the inflatable.
Whack a Mole	Boisterous or reckless behaviour - Users	A responsible person is supervising at all times.	2	2	4	Ensure no user is under the influence of drugs or alcohol
Whack a Mole	Danger of fire - Users/Public	No smoking/barbecues/fires near inflatables	5	1	5	
Whack a Mole	Injury through incorrect anchoring - Users/Public	All anchor points used as per manufacturers instructions	5	1	5	Pegs go in at a 45 degree angle, all the way in as to properly anchor the inflatable and prevent a tripping hazard
Inflatable slide	Overloading/tipping - Users/Public	The maximum number of users as specified by the manufacturer must be adhered to, as well as the appropriate age and height limits	5	1	5	
	People use the whack a mole sticks to try to injure participants	A responsible person is supervising at all times.	2	2	4	Users should not use the handle of the hammer to try and hit users, only the soft inflatable part
Inflatable slide	Localised risks identified on the day					