

ABCastlehire Generic Risk Assessment – Slip and Slide

Hazard Area	Risk	Existing Controls	Likelihood 1 - 5	Severity 1 - 5	Risk Score L x S	Further Action to take
Slip and Slide	Users falling from walls	Users MUST NOT sit or bounce on the inflatable walls	2	2	4	Adult supervision required at all times
	Irritation to skin	Only clean water and washing up liquid must be used. No person with skin condition permitted.	2	2	4	Adult supervision required at all times
Slip and Slide	Overloading	Only one person on slide at any one time.	3	2	6	Adult supervision required at all times
Slip and Slide	Danger of injury from hard surfaces.	The inflatable must never be mounted unless the inflatable bed is fully inflated whether the inflatable is in operation or not as this can lead to serious injury.	1	4	4	Adult supervision required at all times
Slip and Slide	Injury through lack of supervision.	A responsible person must be present with the slide at all times. In the event that the operator is not present, the slide should not be used.	2	5	10	The inflatable could be switched off when no supervision is provided. Our supervisors are available on request. Adult supervision required at all times
Slip and Slide	Tripping over anchorage points, spare equipment, electrical cables	Anchor points used as per manufacturers instructions and spare equipment erected safely or stowed away. Where possible electrical cable does not cross any public pathway.	1	1	1	In the event of large numbers of participants attending or large events, safety fencing should be erected by the supervisors, electrical cables must be erected overhead or covered. Adult supervision required at all times
Slip and Slide	Injury through incorrect positioning.	Do not move or try to reposition the inflatable under any circumstances and ensure that the anchors are in place at all times.	1	2	2	Adult supervision required at all times
Slip and Slide	Petrol Blower, Generator Risk of fire	Blowers/generators filled with fuel before delivery, units are fire retardant	3	1	3	All spare fuel is stored in suitable marked container, and in a safe location, units switched off during re fuelling, Safety fencing could be erected around blower/generator. Adult supervision required at all times
Slip and Slide	Choking	No food drinks or chewing gum to be allowed on or near the Inflatable.	1	4	4	Adult supervision required at all times
Slip and Slide	Injury through 3 rd party items	All shoes, glasses, jewellery, badges MUST be removed before using this Inflatable.	1	5	5	Adult supervision required at all times
Slip and Slide	Danger of fire.	No smoking or barbecues near the Inflatable at any time.	1	5	5	Adult supervision required at all times
Slip and Slide	Danger of falling from height.	Climbing, hanging or sitting on walls is DANGEROUS and must not be allowed at any time, All our beds have low walls for supervision purposes, this rule is exceptionally important when the inflatable is erected on hard surfaces. Rocking from side to side is NOT PERMITTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.	1	5	5	Adult supervision required at all times
Slip and Slide	Injury through 3 rd party & spectators.	Always ensure that the area surrounding the Inflatable is not overcrowded.	2	3	6	Adult supervision required at all times
Slip and Slide	Over enthusiastic participants	Responsible person(s) supervising at all times.	2	2	4	In the event of large numbers of participants, extra supervisors should be in place. We recommend one at the base of the slide, one at the top and one to manage the crowds. Our supervisors are available on request. Adult supervision required at all times
Slip and Slide	Injury through lack of inflatable pressure or suffocation.	Do not allow anyone to be on the Inflatable during inflation or deflation as this can be EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.	1	2	2	If slide deflates while being used it should be evacuated as soon as possible. Adult supervision required at all times
Slip and Slide	Injury through insecure anchorage.	Never use this unit without proper anchorage in place, It may be blown over in certain wind conditions, If the inflatable unit is not anchored correctly please ensure you tell the erection team before they leave as we keep a tight schedule and may not be able to return immediately.	1	5	5	Adult supervision required at all times
Slip and Slide	Danger of unnecessary injury.	Ensure that no one with a history of back or neck problems or who suffers from a heart complaint uses the Inflatable or anyone who is feeling unwell or suffering the effects of alcohol or drugs & Pregnant women may NOT use any equipment at anytime.	1	5	5	Adult supervision required at all times
Slip and Slide	Overloading or Tipping over.	No user weighing over 90kg or 15 stone is permitted to use the equipment at any time. No more than 6 participants should use the slide at any one time and no more than two persons on the platform at one time. All available anchor points should be used at all times.	1	5	5	Supervisors should be used to ensure adequate adherence to the weight and participant limit. Our supervisors are available on request. Adult supervision required at all times
Slip and Slide	Participants colliding with each other	Responsible person supervising at all times. Users should slide one at a time and wait for the person in front to exit landing area before sliding down.	1	1	1	Participants should be put in to groups of similar size. Adult supervision required at all times
Slip and Slide	Adverse weather conditions.	Item will be switched off in strong winds deemed a health and safety risk above 24mph. In rain slide must be kept inflated but not used until dried.	Dependant on weather	Dependant on weather	Dependant on weather	Adult supervision required at all times. Wind speed detectors available. See website health & safety section for beaufort scale
Slip and Slide	Awkward landings	Ensure participants come down slide feet first. No somersaults. Users to come down one at a time.	3	3	9	Adult supervision required at all times
Slip and Slide	Adverse weather conditions.	Participants ignoring safety instructions must not be allowed to use inflatable as they are a danger to themselves and other users.	N/A	N/A	N/A	Adult supervision required at all times.

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 generic risk assessment is brief and we have our own individual assessments for each individual risk, 25 being the worst possible outcome, any item reaching 25 would give serious cause for concern & we would not be able to erect the unit. It is recommended that clients undertake their own risk assessment to suit their requirements. This is a generic risk assessment that only applies in normal conditions. Should there be any unexpected influencing factors, this risk assessment must be amended to suit. The provision of this risk assessment is intended as a guide only and cannot be used as a substitute for your own risk assessments being carried out.