**Birch & All Events Soft Play Hire Risk Assessment**

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| Hazard Area | Risk | Existing Controls | Likely 1-5 | Severity 1-5 | Risk Score L xS | Further Action to take |
| Soft Play Hire Equipment | Overcrowding of Equipment. | Ensure that all users have plenty of space in and around the concertina mats and protective barrier and soft play equipment. Limit the age/height of users to specified agreements in the terms of hire. Ensure a least one responsible adult is supervising at all times ensuring users behaviour is under control. | 2 | 3 | 6 | Educate the hirer to follow the full Hire Agreement Terms and Conditions. Reinforce the policies by demonstrating how each Hire Equipment is used correctly. |
| Soft Play Hire Equipment | Users falling over on the Soft Play Hire Equipment | Ensure all users are within the limits of the concertina mats and protective barrier provided. No hard objects or ride on toys are to be placed on or near the concertina mats provided. | 5 | 1 | S | Educate the hirer to follow the full Hire Agreement Terms and Conditions. Reinforce the policies by demonstrating how each Hire Equipment is used correctly. |
| Soft Play Hire Equipment | Larger users colliding with smaller users or colliding in general. | Ensure at least one responsible adult/s is supervising at all times; to ensure users are placed within weight/height groupings or in similar size groupings for safe use of the Hire Equipment and ensuring users behaviour is under control. | 2 | 5 | 10 | Educate the hirer to follow the full Hire Agreement Terms and Conditions. Reinforce the policies by demonstrating how each Hire Equipment is used correctly. |
| Soft Play Hire Equipment | Over enthusiastic Users. | Ensure a least one responsible adult/s is supervising at all times; to ensure all users are behaving in an appropriate safe controlled manner. Supervising adult/s MUST intervene to control a potentially dangerous situation for the over enthusiastic user and other users safely and wellbeing. | 3 | 2 | 6 | Educate the hirer to follow the full Hire Agreement Terms and Conditions. Reinforce the policies by demonstrating how each Hire Equipment is used correctly. |
| Soft Play Hire Equipment. | Soft Play Equipment being thrown used incorrectly/ unlawfully. | Ensure a least one responsible adult/s is supervising at all times; to ensure all users are behaving in an appropriate safe controlled manner. Supervising adult/s MUST intervene to control a potentially dangerous situation to ensure all users safely and wellbeing. | 3 | 1 | 3 | Educate the hirer to follow the full Hire Agreement Terms and Conditions. Reinforce the policies by demonstrating how each Hire Equipment is used correctly. Ensure broken balls are moved through the period of the hire/event. |

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| Soft Play Hire Equipment. | Danger of unnecessary injury. | Ensure that no users with a history of neck and back problems, heart conditions use the Hire Equipment. The client and parents/guardians of the users are responsible for determining if the user is physically able to play on the Soft Play Hire Equipment. Any users whom are feeling unwell should not us any Hire Equipment at any time. | 2 | 5 | 10 | Educate the hirer to follow the full Hire Agreement Terms and Conditions. Reinforce the policies by demonstrating how each Hire Equipment is used correctly. |
| Soft Play Hire Equipment. | Injury through lack of supervision. | At least one responsible adult over the age of 18 and whom is not under the influence of alcohol or who is intoxicated under the influence of prescribed and/or non-prescribed drugs MUST be present with the Hire Equipment at all times, in the event that no responsible adult is not in view/present of the Hire Equipment users must not enter under any circumstances. | 2 | 5 | 10 | Educate the hirer to follow the full Hire Agreement Terms and Conditions. Reinforce the policies by demonstrating how each Hire Equipment is used correctly. |
| Soft Play Hire Equipment. | Injury through delamination or foam being exposed. | Visual inspections during hire set up. All Hire Equipment is vigorously tested quality for defects by Cushion Fun. | 1 | 1 | 1 | Educate the hirer to removed defected or broken items/equipment throughout the period of the hire/event. |
| Soft Play Hire Equipment. | Injury through third party items and third part bodies/spectator’s. | All shoes, glasses, jewellery, badges, belts, key- rings, metal studded clothing and any other sharp objects MUST be removed before any users use the Hire Equipment. Always ensure that the area surrounding the soft play Hire Equipment is not overcrowded and free from objects/obstructions. | 3 | 3 | 9 | Educate the hirer to ensure no one is located in the safe clear area throughout the hire and no hard objects are placed in or near any of the Soft Play Hire Equipment. Educate the hirer to follow the full Hire Agreement Terms and Conditions. |
| Soft Play Hire Equipment. | Choking. | No food, drinks, chewing gum, balloons, silly string, glitter, party poopers or anything alike are NOT permitted on or near any of the Hire Equipment. Ensure users don’t put balls from the pit balls into their mouths; this is for HYGIENE REASONS as well as health and safety however we ONLY use commercial grade 75mm balls which cannot be easily crushed and are too big to place inside a user’s mouth. | 2 | 5 | 10 | Educate the hirer to follow the full Hire Agreement Terms and Conditions. Reinforce the policies by demonstrating how each Hire Equipment is used correctly. Ensure broken balls are moved through the period of the hire/event. |

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| Soft Play Hire Equipment. | Danger of fire. | Smoking or any other type of cooking equipment are NOT permitted anywhere near any of the hire equipment. | 1 | 5 | 5 | Educate the hirer to follow the full Hire Agreement Terms and Conditions. Reinforce the policies by demonstrating how each Hire Equipment is used correctly. |
| Soft Play Hire Equipment. | Emergency. | In the event that someone is seriously injured, remove all other users from the hire equipment in a calm and controlled safe manner. DO NOT move the individual and dial 999 immediately and await their instruction. | 1 | 5 | 5 | Upon the collection of the Soft Play Hire Equipment an accident form will be completed with hirer, any records of the medical treatment obtained will be made available for Cushion Fun inspection. Accident forms will not be filled out after the driver has departed from your venue/premises. |
| Soft Play Hire Equipment. | Adverse weather conditions – WIND during outdoor hirers. | Soft Play Hire Equipment is NOT permitted to be used in strong winds (over 24 mph) as windy conditions can be deemed an increased health and safety risk. A responsible adult MUST check wind speeds regularly. In the event of high winds after the Hire Equipment is set up, it is advised that all Soft Play Hire Equipment is to be placed indoors or under suitable shelter. | Dependant on weather | Dependant on weather | Dependant on weather | Educate the hirer to follow the full Hire Agreement Terms and Conditions. Reinforce the policies by demonstrating how each Hire Equipment is used correctly. If winds above 24 mph are expected during any point of the hire, we would suggest to find an alternative sheltered location if within reason. |
| Soft Play Hire Equipment. | Adverse weather conditions – RAIN during outdoor hirers. | The Soft Play Hire Equipment is NOT to be used in heavy rain, no users are allowed on the Hire Equipment at any time whilst the play area is wet (waterlogged). Soft play Hire Equipment becomes very slippery and dangerous when wet and can be deemed an increased health and safety risk. Ensure that the hirer is aware of the wet weather Terms and Conditions upon arrival and correct supervision is maintained at all times. | 2 | 5 | 10 | Educate the hirer to follow the full Hire Agreement Terms and Conditions. Reinforce the policies by demonstrating how each Hire Equipment is used correctly. If heavy rains are expected during any point of the hire, we would suggest to find an alternative sheltered location if within reason. |
| Soft Play Hire Equipment. | Adverse weather conditions – HEATWAVE causing burns during outdoor | The Soft Play Hire Equipment can become very HOT to touch when exposed to extreme direct heat from the sun. Ensure the hirer is aware that the Soft Play Hire Equipment can become hot to touch upon arrive if the weather is predicted to be extremely | Dependant on weather | Dependant on weather | Dependant on weather | Educate the hirer to follow the full Hire Agreement Terms and Conditions. Reinforce the policies by demonstrating how each Hire Equipment is used correctly. If excessive heat conditions are |

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|  | hirers. | hot on the day of the hire. A responsible adult MUST test the Hire Equipment (by touching the Hire Equipment with the back of their hand) at regular interval to ensure the Hire Equipment is safe for users to use. When extreme heat conditions are highly expected it is advised that all Soft Play Hire Equipment is to be placed indoors or under suitable shelter. |  |  |  | expected during any point of the hire, we would suggest to find an alternative sheltered location if within reason. |

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

Risks are worked out by using numbers 1 – 5; the likelihood is given a number and this number is then multiplied by the number given to the severity of the risk which creates the total risk factor result.

Birch & All Events Soft Play Hire Equipment Risk assessment covers basic practice. The most common risks, preventions and outcomes. Number 25 is the worst possible outcome, any item reaching 25 would give serious cause for concern and we would not be able to set the Soft Play Hire Equipment up. It is recommended that the client also undertake their own risk assessment to suit their own requirements. This risk assessment does not cover the movement of any Soft Play Hire Equipment and is not location/venue specific.