

Risk Assessment – Rodeo Bull ride

Incorporating Rocking Reindeer, Rodeo Pig, Rodeo Sheep, Rodeo Horse, Rodeo Camel, Rocking Unicorn, Rodeo Pumpkin, Rodeo Rugby Ball, Rodeo Spider, and similar multi-ride based amusements.

Hazard Area	Risk	Existing Controls	Likelihood 1 - 5	Severity 1 - 5	Risk Score L x S	Action to take
Rodeo Bull	Danger of being struck by the equipments' attachment or its users.	Spectators are not permitted to lean over the inflatable bed at any time. Riders are instructed to remove shoes. The ride is designed to stop within 1/3 of a revolution. Operators monitor the activity of the rider closely.	2	2	4	Only trained operators are used.
	Danger of injury.	No rider with a history of back, neck, limb, or other medical problems, or who suffer with a heart condition, is allowed to use the equipment. Pregnant women are not permitted to use the equipment. Anyone who is feeling unwell or suffering the effects of alcohol or drugs are not permitted to use the ride. Unfortunately, anyone who is visually impaired or blind are not permitted to ride the equipment. (Please discuss with operator)	1	5	5	None
	Overloading or Tipping over.	No user weighing over approximately 18 stone is permitted to ride the equipment due to the risk of overloading the safety air-bed or overloading the mechanics resulting in unit failure. The motion unit has wide based stabilising legs which will always be fitted when the equipment is sited.	1	5	5	None
	Unable to locate the safety cut out.	The operator is fully aware of all the controls on the equipment control unit. The operator has full access to all controls including the emergency stop.	1	3	3	None
	Adverse weather conditions.	The equipment will not be operated in the open in wet weather or strong winds. Both these conditions can be deemed a health and safety risk. Where the Barn inflatable cover is available it cannot be used in strong winds or falling snow.	Dependant on weather	Dependant on weather	Dependant on weather	Do not use
	Danger of injury from hard surfaces.	No rider will be allowed to mount the equipment unless the inflatable safety bed is fully inflated. This applies whether the equipment is in operation or not. The inflated safety bed is there to protect the rider from the mechanics, the ground, and the support structure of the ride. The ride is designed to stop within 1/3 of a revolution. Riders are thrown away from the ride toward the outside wall of the inflatable.	2	4	8	Only trained operators are used.
	Injury through lack of supervision.	A fully trained operator must be present with the operating equipment at all times. If the operator leaves the equipment unattended, they will switch it off and lock off the controls, leaving the safety bed inflated. In the event that the operator is not in view the equipment must not be approached or mounted under any circumstances.	1	5	5	None
	Injury through rider collisions.	Only one person may ride the equipment at any time. Spectators are not permitted to lean over the perimeter of the safety bed. Where a spectator ignores this rule the operator will stop the ride immediately whatever the consequences to timed, competitive rides.	1	5	5	None
	Injury through incorrect positioning of equipment.	The equipment will be correctly positioned by the operator to ensure safe use. The equipment must not be moved or repositioned without the express permission and involvement of the operator.	1	2	2	None
	Injury through contact with mechanism	All rotating and moving parts (apart from the equipment itself) are shielded from accidental contact with hands and feet. The ride is designed to stop within 1/3 of a revolution. Operators monitor the activity of the rider closely.	1	5	5	None

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	Injury by collision after falling.	After falling off, riders must remain on the bed until the attachment has ceased moving and the operator is satisfied that they can climb off the inflatable. The ride is designed to stop within 1/3 of a revolution. Operators monitor the activity of the rider closely.	2	2	4	None
	Choking	Riders are not allowed to consume or carry food, drinks, sweets or chewing gum whilst on or near the ride. The operator will police this rule firmly.	1	4	4	None
	Injury through 3 rd party items	Shoes, glasses, jewellery, badges and even some heavy belt buckles must be removed before using the ride. The operator will use discretion regarding the removal of items such as glasses etc.	1	5	5	None
	Injury through falling from ride	The supervisor (always provided) will ensure the ride is used correctly. If the rider does not comply with the operators instructions, the rider will be excluded. All reasonable steps are taken to avoid injury, hence the presence of an operator and the inflated safety bed. Falling from the ride is the very nature of the ride. Therefore it must be accepted that minor injuries may occur from time to time. The ride is designed to stop within 1/3 of a revolution. Operators monitor the activity of the rider closely.	2	3	6	None
	Danger of fire.	No smoking or barbecues near the Inflatable at any time. The inflatable is made from self-extinguishing vinyl to the latest specifications. The electrics are protected by an incorporated RCB circuit breaker.	1	5	5	None
	Danger of falling from height.	Climbing, hanging or sitting on the perimeter of the Rodeo Bull is not permitted. The operator will stop the ride if spectators climb the walls. The inflatable bed has low walls for supervision purposes. Riders are encouraged to climb down off the inflatable, not leap. Riders are not allowed to stand on the ride, other than the surf simulator, which is made for the purpose.	1	3	3	None
	Injury through 3 rd party & spectators.	Always ensure that the area surrounding the Inflatable is not overcrowded. The operator will stop the ride if they feel anyone's safety is compromised.	2	3	6	None
	Injury through lack of inflatable pressure	No-one will be allowed on the ride when the inflatable is in the process of being inflated or deflated. No-one will be allowed to play on the inflatable during inflation or deflation, due to the presence of the stabilising system underneath.	1	2	2	None
	Injury through bouncing or rolling out of the inflatable ring	Ensure that a suitable area of about 6 feet (2 metres) around the inflatable unit is clear. The ride will not be erected on an unsuitable, rough or dirty surface. Operator discretion. The area in which the inflatable is to be erected should be swept of debris, before our arrival if possible.	1	3	3	None
	Injury through insecure anchorage.	In particularly windy conditions it may be necessary to anchor the inflatable to prevent it lifting. Conditions that are windy enough to move the motion base would render the unit unusable in any case. The operator will not deploy the equipment in such circumstances. The inflatable cover cannot be erected in high wind situations. This becomes more important in lighter winds where the unit is sited on hard standing and there are no opportunities to adequately anchor the cover. The operator will use discretion in determining where, when, and how the equipment is sited.	2	5	10	Close down.
	Unruly Behaviour.	It is vital to accept that the operator's decision is final. Refusal to respect the operators' guidance will result in ride refusal and in extreme circumstances closure of the unit.	1	2	2	None

L=Likelihood S=Severity LxS= 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 Rodeo Bull unit.

It is recommended that clients undertake their own risk assessment to suit their requirements.