

How much money does it cost to rent a bounce house?

We explain a common question we are asked on how much it will cost to rent a bounce house and other party rental items.

Bounce House Rentals vary depending on where in the world you are located. For example, the normal bounce house cost for local delivery in the states of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Chicago, Texas, Florida, and a few others are somewhere in the range of \$162-\$215. That same bounce house in parts of California and Texas may be seen for \$169-\$209.

Some factors other than the area can be simply the regulations the state has enforced for Inflatable Safety and Registration, while not the entire reason for some price differences it definitely can add significant differences in finding legit companies to work with versus the fly-by-the-night companies that scaringly are still out there operating with no insurance and no safety knowledge on setting up bounce house rentals. States like Pennsylvania and New Jersey are known to be setting the bar in the state in regards to having the best history and track record of Safety Regulations. This is why you see very few incidents within the PA and NJ amusement areas. Texas and Chicago also have great amusement rides safety programs with Florida being one of the areas that are lacking in safety regulations state-wide.

Is Cost all that matters?

Should I only worry about cost? Are there other factors I need to worry about when I am searching for the best pricing out there for my kid's party, or work event?

When shopping for a bounce house rental I would love to talk to you about the mistake in shopping for the price only. The price will never keep you, your kids, or your event safe. They will never be there to provide you with "peace of mind" and any type of support.

The horror stories we have seen in the event industry are that What that will get you is a possibility the company might double book you, and it may also get you the possibility that they have no insurance and no training for the staff. This is very risky and can end up in injury. Asking questions, and educating yourself is the best bet to work with a legit company. Possibly a good green light would be a reaction to your questions saying oh yes, safety is so important to us that we created a customer training section on our website, and we train our guys with both states and manufacture safety protocols. Perhaps the company has videos and training documents for you to watch prior to your booking. The company has no problem showing proof of insurance, and can immediately confirm they have liability insurance, commercial auto, as well as workers comp policy in place.

Please make sure if you do anything on top of price matching you ask these few questions:

- 1. What type of regulations are required to operate and run this type of business?
- 2. Do you need to be licensed by the state to rent these items to me?
- 3. Is the unit I want to rent licensed and do you have proof of that?
- 4. Do you have insurance and if so do you have proof?
- 5. How do you anchor the bounce house rental on grass? How many anchors? Do they follow manufacturer and state guidelines for the anchors?
- 6. How do you anchor the bounce house rental on asphalt? How much weight in sandbags do you use? Again, do you follow the manufacturer's weight limits on this?
- 7. Do you have the safety manual on-site for the bounce house from the manufacturer?
- 8. Do you follow manufacturing and state guidelines?
- 9. How do you clean the bounce house?
- 10. What type of cleaner specifically do you use?
- 11. Do you have reviews online from Google from customers?

Not that you have to ask all of those questions but you will get a better idea of how this company operates based on their answers. Do they provide attendants or are you supposed to watch the inflatable? How are you <u>trained</u> to watch the attendant knowing nothing about that inflatable? Do they train you?

In Pennsylvania, you are able to contact the Department of Agriculture, Ride Safety Division to inquire if the company you are thinking of using is indeed registered with them. If they are they would be required to provide proof of insurance and proof of the items in their inventory. Lots of

companies can say Oh yes, I am registered, insured, and clean, but do they? Renter, Beware. Educate yourself...stalk their social media...Do they talk about cleaning? Do they have reviews and not all 5's showing their friends to review them...Do they seem like they are really dotting all the i's and crossing all the T's?

The Breakdown Cost of Renting a Jump House

When analyzing the cost for a bounce jump house we will take the example 3 Monkeys Inflatables which is rated as the #1 Bounce House Rental Company in York, PA. The large-size bounce house (15x15) cost for the rental is \$205 for up to 8 hours. If you divide that cost by 8 hours it comes down to \$25.62 per hour, and then if you consider that most parties bring in for the smallest party of 6 guests the breakdown now becomes \$4.27 per hour, per participant. In this example, we are assuming they are within 15 miles from the shop location and there is no travel fee added. When you consider taking kids out for even a small activity like mini-golf it usually costs anywhere from \$8-16 per participant and lasts around an hour long. If you consider a longer activity like a kid's fun center they end up being around \$25.00 and up a kid with a 2-hour maximum time frame, and you are not an exclusive party with them. Renting a bounce house assures you get your full 8 hours of rental time and it's not sharing the activity - it is an activity for your kids and guests...they feel special and know this is something just for them!

Analyzing a company in Cleburne Texas, Inflatable Party Magic Tx we will take their regular bounce house example of a standard 15x15 large bounce and we can see if comes in at just \$162. Looking at a company out of Florida, Florida Tents and Events, we see that the standard 15x15 bounce house comes in at \$179, and a company out of Chicago, IL - Bounce Houses r us comes in at just around \$205 similar in pricing with their Pennsylvania jumper companies. Depending on where you are in the country will really come down to what you will pay.