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Bacteria in Zorb balls

Zorb balls have become a popular attraction in recent years at a variety of venues and events. The large plastic balls accommodate a ‘rider’ inside and are operated on various surfaces, including grass, snow and water.

The committee has been made aware of an incident involving a Zorb ball operation in which eight children using the balls developed rashes and blisters after using balls containing what the operator described as ‘abnormal levels of bacteria’ at a birthday party. This bulletin therefore acts as a reminder to operators of these attractions of the importance of ensuring regular and thorough cleaning and of the potential for harmful bacteria to occur if this is not done.

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