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Bouncy Castles Charges

A man in charge of checking the safety of inflatables at leisure centres across the country - including Shropshire - today denied passing off allegedly dangerous bouncy castles as safe.

Peter Morrell, 73, denied four charges of failing to ensure the safety of a person other than an employee during a hearing at Shrewsbury Magistrates Court today.

The court heard one of the charges arose after Morrell was called to check inflatable equipment at Shrewsbury's London Road Sports Centre in June 2006.

The other offences relate to inspections he carried out on bouncy castles at the Kingfisher Leisure Centre in Kingston-Upon-Thames, Spennymoor Leisure Centre in County Durham and the Walton Sports Association and Social Club in Norfolk.

All charges relate to a period between June 2006 and July 2008.

Morrell, of Aberconwy Road, Prestatyn, North Wales, today elected for a crown court trial. Magistrates committed the case for trial at Shrewsbury Crown Court on January 19, 2009. Morrell was granted unconditional bail.

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