

Playground Safety Checklist



- Playground equipment has at least 12 inches of wood chips, mulch, sand, or pea gravel, or are mats made of safety-tested rubber or rubber-like materials.
- Protective surfacing extends at least 6 feet in all directions from play equipment. For swings, be sure surfacing extends, in back and front, twice the height of the suspending bar.
- Play structures are more than 30 inches high are spaced at least 9 feet apart.
- No dangerous hardware, like open "S" hooks or protruding bolt ends.
- Spaces that could trap children, such as openings in guardrails or between ladder rungs, measure less than 3.5 inches or more than 9 inches.
- No sharp points or edges in equipment
- No tripping hazards, like exposed concrete footings, tree stumps, and rocks.
- Elevated surfaces, like platforms and ramps, have guardrails to prevent falls.
- Check playgrounds regularly to see that equipment and surfacing are in good condition.
- Carefully supervise children on playgrounds to make sure they're safe.