



Keep children **S.A.F.E.** on the playground!

Before heading out to the playground keep these important safety tips in mind:

Supervision is present and active.

Adults are needed to watch for potential hazards, observe, and get involved in play when needed.

Age-appropriate equipment is provided for all children

Preschoolers, ages 2 - 5, and children ages 5 - 12, are developmentally different and need different equipment in separate areas to keep the playground safe and fun for all.

Falls are cushioned.

Nearly 70 percent of all playground injuries are related to falls to the surface. Acceptable surfaces include hardwood fiber/mulch, pea gravel, sand and synthetic materials such as poured-in-place, rubber mats or tiles. Playground surfaces should not be concrete, asphalt, grass, blacktop, packed dirt or rocks. For more information:

www.cpsc.gov/CPSCPUB/PUBS/325.pdf

Equipment is safe.

Check to make sure the equipment is anchored safely in the ground, all pieces are in good working order, S-hooks are entirely closed, bolts are not protruding, and there is no broken glass or other dangerous trash.

Please go to: www.playgroundsafety.org for checklist and other playground information.

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For fact sheets go to: www.chadkids.org/goto/childhealthmonth

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