



Safety Spotlight

Playground Safety

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When our powers
combine, we
change lives.

Did you know that each year more than **200,000 injuries** happen on playgrounds? In support of Park and Recreation month we are combining powers with our Park and Recreation department to bring you the Playground Safety Edition. Please follow these simple steps to ensure your children have a fun and safe experience on the playground.

Five Things Every Parent Should Know

1. Check the surfacing material beneath the equipment to ensure it is acceptable (i.e. wood chips, rubber mats).

Fact: *Improper surfacing material under playground equipment is the leading cause of playground-related injuries.*

2. Check the temperature of equipment surfaces.

Fact: *Hot surfaces in direct sunlight can reach temperatures high enough to cause serious contact burn injuries in a matter of seconds.*

3. Be observant of the conditions of the playground.

Fact: *After falls, the next leading cause of injuries on playgrounds is related to breakage, tip-over, design and assembly of equipment.*

4. Supervision and proper clothing can reduce risks.

Fact: *It is estimated that 40% of playground injuries are associated with a lack of supervision.*

5. Ensure the equipment is age appropriate.

Fact: *Preschool-aged children (2-5) have developmental needs that differ greatly from school-aged children (5-12).*

Information provided by the [National Recreation and Park Association](http://www.nrapa.org).



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