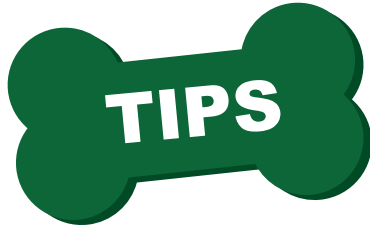




ASK Playground Safety Information



Make sure surfaces around playground equipment have at least 12 inches of wood chips, mulch, sand, or pea gravel, which can help prevent injury if there's a fall.

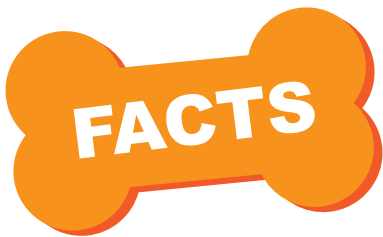
Check for sharp points or edges in equipment.

Look out for tripping hazards, like exposed concrete footings, tree stumps and rocks.

Make sure elevated surfaces, like platforms and ramps, have guardrails to prevent falls.

Check playgrounds regularly to see that equipment and surfacing are in good condition.

Source: [U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission](#)



Each year, more than 200,000 children go to U.S. hospital emergency rooms with injuries associated with playground equipment.

Source: [U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission](#)

About 45% of playground-related injuries are severe—fractures, internal injuries, concussions, dislocations and amputations.

Source: [National Safety Council](#)

79% of all playground related injuries are caused by falls to the playground surface.

Source: [National Safety Council](#)

For children 4 and under the most common playground injury is to the head or face (49%) and for children 5-15 the most common is to the arms and hands (49%).

Source: [U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission](#)

On public playgrounds, more injuries occur on climbers than on any other equipment.

Source: [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention](#)