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Associa Supports Kids Offers Park Safety Tips

Part Two of Summer Safety Tips Series

DALLAS, Texas – July 17, 2012 – July is Park and Recreation Month and to celebrate, [Associa](#), the largest community management services firm in North America, and [Associa Supports Kids](#) (ASK) offer park safety tips as the second of its three-part Summer Safety Tips series.

The [National Safety Council](#) reports that 79 percent of all playground related injuries are caused by falls to the playground surface. Families are encouraged to consider the below tips from the [U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission](#):

On the playground

- Make sure surfaces around playground equipment have at least 12 inches of wood chips, mulch, sand or pea gravel. This can help prevent injury if a fall occurs.
- Check for sharp points or edges in equipment.
- Look out for tripping hazards, including exposed concrete footings, tree stumps and rocks.
- Make sure elevated surfaces, like platforms and ramps, have guardrails to prevent falls.
- Check playground regularly to see that equipment and surfacing are in good condition.

Associa Supports Kids is a value-added program for Associa community residents, designed to enhance the neighborhood community experience. The program focuses on educating parents and kids about safety and fitness. At neighborhood events, Scout, the ASK mascot, hands out Safety Tip coloring books, plush Scout toys, rub-on tattoos, and Scout's own books – *Scout Goes to the Beach*, *Scout Goes to a Sleepover* and *Scout Stays Active and Strong* – to each child in attendance. Parents receive an ASK safety brochure and a ChildPrint identification kit. In addition, ASK is focused on keeping kids strong and healthy by promoting physical activity through sports sponsorships. For more information on both the Safety and Sports Sponsorships programs, visit www.associasupportskids.org.

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