

PLAYGROUND SAFETY WEEK

Safe and SOUND
SCHOOLS

S.A.F.E Checklist

SUPERVISION

- Are adults supervising the playground?
- Are children easily visible?
- Are playground rules posted and followed?
- Are children wearing the right clothes and shoes?

AGE-APPROPRIATE

- Are children playing in the right equipment for their age?
- Is the equipment the correct height?
- Are children getting lots of active play?

FALL SURFACING

- Does the surface have appropriate padding materials?
- Are the materials at least 12 inches deep?
- Is the playground environment clean?

EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

- Is the playground equipment in good shape?
- Are children playing on the equipment the right way?
- Are there head entrapment hazards? Spaces that are between 3.5 and 9 inches are spaces where heads can get trapped.

Stats & Figures

218,851



Between 2001 - 2008, an average of 218,851 preschool and elementary children received emergency department care for injuries that occurred on playground equipment.

61%

Public
Playgrounds

19%

Home
Playgrounds

20%

Not Recorded



67% OF REPORTED INCIDENTS



Involved falls or equipment failure, while 8% involved hazards not related to the equipment

TOP 4 EQUIPMENT PIECES ASSOCIATED WITH INJURIES

- Climbers
- Slides
- Swings
- Overhead ladders