

SAFE PLAYGROUND

ADVICE FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

Playing is spontaneity, creativity, pleasure and being completely care-free. How can we make it safe?



THE ENVIRONMENT

Look around to see if the playground is properly fenced. This will ensure that your child does not have an easy access to busy areas nearby. Find out **who is responsible for the security of the place**.

This could be a municipality, a kindergarten, a housing association or a private individual.

THE SURFACE

Falling on hard surfaces is the greatest danger for children when they're playing. Especially in the vicinity of equipment, synthetic materials (e.g. rubber) or natural (such as sand, gravel, wood chips) are the safest option. The ground should also be clean – no broken glass, rubbish or stones.



WHERE TO REPORT THE UNSAFE PLAYGROUND?

Notify the manager or the owner. You can also report your concerns to the district building supervision inspectorate

EQUIPMENT

1

Remember that playground equipment should be **properly fixed to the ground and stable**, when a child is standing, swinging or jumping. If possible, check them yourself – shake them, touch their surface, look for sharp edges.

2

Some equipment may **not be suitable for the child's age and height**. If a child is unable to climb onto a piece of equipment on their own, chances are they are not going to get off safely either. If necessary, you can supervise your child while playing at height.

3

Make sure that there are no **obstacles** near the equipment, e.g. stones, fence, trees, rubbish bin, which may pose a danger, if the child falls.

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Check **crevices and openings** – make sure there is no risk of your baby's head, limbs or fingers getting stuck.

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Do not attach cords, ribbons, lanyards or clothes to the equipment.

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Do not repair broken equipment yourself. Ideally, leave a warning note on them and inform the person or institution responsible for maintaining the safety of the place.