

## Playground Safety Tips

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Municipal playgrounds are popular family destinations within many cities and towns; therefore, safeguarding and maintaining the equipment is vital. Below are several key steps that should be taken to ensure your citizens have a great experience each time they visit your municipal playground.

1. Have proper surface material around playground equipment. Avoid asphalt, concrete, grass and soil. Acceptable surfaces include shredded rubber, mulch or fine sand.
2. Surfacing should be at least 9 inches deep and extended a minimum of 6 feet in all directions around stationary equipment.
3. Surfacing may need to extend further than 6 feet depending on the height of the equipment.
4. Check equipment frequently for sharp points, corners and edges that can develop as a result of wear and tear on the equipment.

Instruct parents and guardians to:

- Always supervise children when using playground equipment.
- Remove hoods and drawstrings from the child's clothing.
- Ensure that children play on age appropriate equipment.

