



PLAYGROUND USE

Safety Guide

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KEY BENEFITS

Physical Development

Improves coordination, balance, and core strength.

Social Skills

Develops social skills through games, turn taking, and sharing.

Emotional Regulation

Supports emotional regulation through active play.

Risk Awareness

Builds risk awareness and safe behaviour around equipment.

KEY HAZARDS & CONTROL MEASURES**Falls from Equipment**

- ✓ Impact-absorbing surfaces maintained
- ✓ Age-appropriate equipment designated
- ✓ Equipment regularly inspected
- ✓ Clear rules for safe use

Collisions

- ✓ Zoned areas for different activities
- ✓ Ball game areas separated
- ✓ Staff supervision throughout
- ✓ Clear sightlines maintained

Equipment Damage

- ✓ Daily visual inspections
- ✓ Annual independent inspection
- ✓ Weekly operational checks
- ✓ Damaged items immediately closed

Weather Hazards

- ✓ Equipment closed when icy or very wet
- ✓ Sun protection encouraged
- ✓ Shade available in hot weather
- ✓ Indoor alternatives available

PRE-SESSION SAFETY CHECKLIST**Risk Assessment**

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Complete and review risk assessment for this activity | <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure all identified hazards have control measures in place |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brief all staff on key risks and emergency procedures | |

Equipment

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Visual check completed | <input type="checkbox"/> Damage reported |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surfaces checked | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards removed |

Conditions

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Weather assessed | <input type="checkbox"/> Surfaces dry or safe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Temperature appropriate | <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment suitable for use |

Supervision

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Staff positioned | <input type="checkbox"/> Zones covered |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First aider available | <input type="checkbox"/> Communication ready |

Security

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Boundaries secure | <input type="checkbox"/> Gates checked |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Debris cleared | <input type="checkbox"/> Access controlled |



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