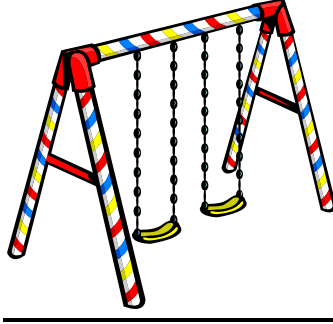


## PLAYGROUND SAFETY



- Always supervise children on play equipment to make sure they are safe.
- Purchase playground equipment that meets the latest safety standards.
- Maintain at least 12 inches of protective surfacing, including safety-tested rubber, wood chips, mulch (non-CCA treated), sand or pea gravel under and around playground equipment to cushion children from falls.
- Make sure that protective surfacing extends at least 6 feet in all directions from play equipment. For swings, extend protective surfacing in front and back of the swing, twice the height of the suspending bar.
- Repair sharp points or edges on equipment. Replace missing hardware and close “S” hooks that can cause injuries.
- Never attach ropes, jump ropes, clotheslines, pet leashes or cords of any kind to play equipment due to the strangulation hazard.
- Remove children’s bicycle helmets before using playgrounds to avoid strangulation and entanglement injuries.
- Check surface temperature of equipment (slides, swings, ground covering, etc.) before letting children play to avoid thermal burns.



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