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## Safety Spotlight

### SAFER PLAYGROUNDS

#### Proper Supervision

- *Stop unsafe behaviors*
  - Bullying
  - Fighting
  - Throwing inappropriate objects
  - Using equipment improperly or unsafely
  - Eating, chewing gum
  - Encroaching moving equipment (swings)
  - Overcrowding equipment
- Wander and rove
- Make eye contact
- Don't be distracted
- Create playground rules
- Keep rules short and simple
- No skates, long strings, jump ropes, cables, helmets or toys on equipment
- Report to administration when needed

#### Avoid Claims of Negligence

- Provide reasonable care
- Inform and warn when needed
- Correct behaviors when needed
- Provide undistracted supervision
- Provide safe facilities
- Provide safe equipment
- Provide prompt post-injury care
- Include labels that comply with the description found in Section 14 of ASTM F1487

#### Pre-Play Check

- *Remove foreign matter*
  - Dirt
  - Feces
  - Trash
  - Water
- Remove foreign objects
  - Glass
  - Rocks
  - Trash
- Check for equipment safety
  - Damaged / broken components
  - Missing or protruding fasteners
  - Sharp edges or points
  - Hot surfaces
  - Missing components
  - Excessive wear, rust



#### FOR MORE INFORMATION, CHECK THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/325.pdf>

<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/pubs/playpubs.html>

<http://www.uni.edu/playground>

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