

HOME MATTERS

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Did You Know?

Swinging to the sky, cascading across the monkey bars and sliding to the ground are joys that kids love on the playground. It's especially fun for kids to enjoy these activities in the comfort and safety of their own backyards. However, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 200,000 children are treated for playground-related injuries each year.

KEEP KIDS SAFE AS THEY PLAY

Use these playground safety tips to help keep your kids safe:

- Cover the areas under and around playground equipment with materials such as hardwood chips, mulch, pea gravel or sand to provide padding in case children fall.
- Do not hang more than two swings from the same section of a swing support structure.
- Periodically inspect your playground equipment for wear and deterioration such as rust, chipped paint, cracked plastic or loose splinters.
- Do not place play equipment too close together.
- Do not purchase playground equipment with elevated platforms, walkways or ramps that do not have guardrails and other barriers to prevent falling.
- Remove potential tripping hazards such as rocks, plant roots and large toys.
- Do not purchase slides or climbing equipment that is more than six feet high for school-aged children or four feet high for pre-school children.
- Click [here](#) to learn more about home playground safety tips, as recommended by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Safety First

While kids are playing, supervise them at all times and tell your children right away if they are doing something dangerous with the hope that they won't do it again.

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