

MCLB ALBANY SAFETYGRAM

NATIONAL PLAYGROUND SAFETY AWARENESS

The U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has long recognized the potential hazards that exist with the use of playground equipment. Below are the statistical results from the Injury incident Database:

TYPE OF INJURY	INCIDENTS REPORTED	PERCENTAGE
Falls	1180	44%
Equipment related	630	23%
Other	297	11%
Incidental	221	8%
Entrapment	176	7%
Total	2691	100%



Summertime means sunshine and children spending more time on the playground. To ensure playground adventures are injury free, check out the top ten playground safety tips below.

1. Adult supervision is present
2. All children play on age-appropriate equipment
3. Appropriate fall surfacing material is present
4. Equipment is safe
5. No strings or ropes are present
6. Equipment is not too hot
7. No bicycle helmets are worn on the equipment
8. Children wear appropriate clothing
9. Children are protected from the sun
10. Children are protected from extreme temperatures



Follow the link below to take along the safety checklist and assess the playground while on site.

<http://www.playgroundsafety.org/sites/default/files/Report%20Card.pdf>

Help children understand more about playground safety by following this link:

<http://www.playgroundsafety.org/sites/default/files/Kid%20Checkerform.pdf>

Enjoy this season with your children on the playgrounds, just remember to stay **S**upervision **A**ge appropriate **F**all surfacing **E**quipment maintenance.



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