

# Children and Outdoor Play Checklist



SAFETY FIRST	INFANT	TODDLER	CASTLE	BOOK	SLIDE	MAZE/ FIRETRUCK	OLDER AREA
<b>Sufficient depth of impact</b> (500mm)							
<b>Cushioning material</b> - organic about 300mm crumbed rubber, woodchip - Not sand!!							
<b>Nonslip</b>							
<b>No sharp pieces</b> , or splinters, no toxic materials. Absence of ingestion, inhalation, or eye hazards. No odour or staining.							
NO Head entrapment hazards							
<b>Sitting areas</b>							
<b>Changes in level</b> e.g. steps - grab rails, clear colour demarcation							
<b>Age-appropriate equipment</b>							
Running area separate to quiet area							
<b>Sun protection</b> (awnings are 98% UV,)							
<b>Building materials safe</b>							
<b>Signage</b> Engaging adult help/observation points							
Wheelchair friendly/ <b>Equal access</b>							
<b>Planting</b> (bees, fruit, allergies)							
A safety fence							
<b>ACTIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITES</b>							
<b>Reflections</b> of home and other previous experiences							
<b>Opportunities</b> to extend projects and play over several days							
An even <b>balance</b> of quiet and active areas							
<b>Open spaces</b> for movement							
<b>Defined areas</b> for specific activities							
<b>Secluded places</b> where children can be alone but still visible to supervising adults							
<b>Rest and observation</b> areas							
<b>Sensory perceptions</b> and explorations							
<b>Physical:</b> Fine and gross motor skills							
<b>Cognitive:</b> Intellectual and creativity							
<b>Social development</b> through creative and theme-based play areas							
<b>Language:</b> develop social skills, language, and communication							