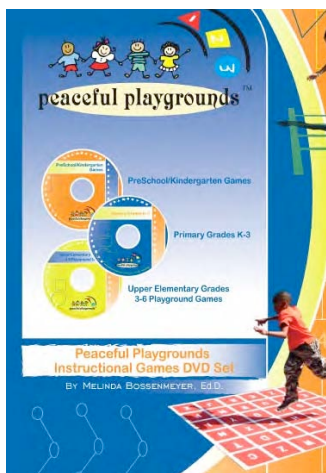


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Online Playgrounds Supervisor Training

School districts often call after a child is injured. Faced with a lawsuit, they are filled with concern that a child has been injured and wondering if it's their fault? Most school district officials that I speak to honestly don't know if: the surfacing is adequate, if the play structure is in compliance with state regulations, if supervision reached a satisfactory "standard of care", or in short, are they liable for the injuries sustained by the child at school.

Most of the answers to the above questions on surfacing, play structure safety and playground supervision are covered in the online Playground Supervision Training Course. The course highlights supervision responsibilities and "how to keep kids safe". Participants passing the exam at the end of the course will receive a Playground Supervisor Training Certification. The course will be available and online in January 2008. Individual (\$29), school site (\$299) and district rates are available. Call the office at 877-444-9888 for more information.



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Playground Safety Rules

Playgrounds, swing sets and jungle gyms provide children opportunities for fresh air, exercise, and fun, but they also pose some unique dangers. KidsHealth.Org, a children's safety website sponsored by the Nemours Foundation, provides advice and facts regarding children and recreational safety. The organization offers the following tips for children specific to playground safety:

- 1 "Never push or roughhouse while on jungle gyms, slides, seesaws, swings, and other equipment.
- 2 Use equipment properly - slide feet first, don't climb outside guardrails, no standing on swings, etc.
- 3 If you jump off equipment, make sure that you check to make sure that there are no other children in the way. When you jump, land on both feet with knees slightly bent.
- 4 Leave bikes, backpacks, and bags away from the equipment and the area where you're playing so that no one trips over them and falls.
- 5 Playground equipment should never be used if it is wet because moisture causes the surface to be slippery.
- 6 During the summertime, playground equipment can become uncomfortably or even dangerously hot, especially metal slides. So use good judgment - if the equipment feels hot to the touch, it's probably not safe or fun to play on.
- 7 Don't wear clothes with drawstrings or other strings at the playground. Drawstrings, purses, and necklaces could get caught on equipment and accidentally strangle a child.

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