

How Can I Help Protect My Child On The Playground?



On average, more than 200,000 children are treated in U.S. Emergency Rooms each year for playground related injuries. The CPSC (Consumer Product Safety Commission) reports that 60% of all playground injuries occur as a result of a fall to the ground. Safety measures are normally the last thing on a young child's mind as he or she bounds across a playground and jumps onto the jungle gym. With goals of swinging the highest and jumping off every available ledge, kids simply aim at having a fun time! Safety issues are, of course, the concern of parents, school administrators, and other responsible care takers.

Obviously, it is important to have playground equipment that meets all safety recommendations. Since some falls are inevitable from even the safest equipment, it is also important to help prevent serious injuries by using TUMBLESAFE™ certified playground surfacing. When a child falls onto a hard surface such as compacted clay soil, the impact of the fall is absorbed by the child's body. When a child falls onto TUMBLESAFE™ Playground Mulch, it provides a spongy landing and the impact is absorbed by the surfacing.

There are lots of technical reasons to install TUMBLESAFE™ on your child's playground. For instance, it has received the IPEMA™ (International Play Equipment Manufacturers Association) certification logo showing that it conforms to the requirements of the head impact criteria set by the ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials). It is made of 100% natural engineered wood fiber that is chemical free and environmentally friendly. It also meets and exceeds the head impact criteria set forth by the CPSC.

Outside the technical realm, your concern is simply for the safety of your child and the children in your care. Just choose safe playground equipment and TUMBLESAFE™ Playground Mulch as the surfacing under your equipment. Your child is worth it.

Be sure your child's playground is **TUMBLESAFE™**!

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