

Playground Safety Plan

Staff Supervision:

Maintaining outdoor safety is directly related to the quality of supervision. Staff must stay alert and involved with the children. When supervising children on the playground, staff should be spread out equally and be responsible for supervising different areas of the playground. Special attention should be given to higher incident risk areas such as climbers, slides, etc.

Staff Ratios:

It is important to maintain staff/child ratios outside, as indicated by state licensing regulations. There should be at least two adults outside at any one time. If there were an accident or emergency, one adult would be able to go inside for help. NO child(ren) should ever be left unattended at any time. If a child needs to use the bathroom, get a drink of water, etc., he/she should use another classroom where there is already adult supervision.

Safety of Equipment and Grounds:

The playground equipment and grounds are to be inspected on a daily basis before use. A member of administration, or designee, will do this upon opening the center in the morning. Equipment used during outdoor play should be put to the side in an orderly fashion after each classroom's use. Special attention should be made to the resilient rubber mats on the playground surface which provide cushioning in case of a fall. These squares should always be properly fitted, in good condition and within six feet of any fall zone.