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Playground Safety in Georgia, What Do You Need to Know?

While the national safety standards for playground equipment as established by [ASTM](#) and [CPSC](#) are still considered as “voluntary standards”, each state may have its own criteria. The Childinjurylawyerblog has a great summary of [Georgia daycare center playground rules and regulations](#).

You can download the [Georgia Daycare Center Playground Area Standards](#) here. The outdoor play area requirements begin on page 3.

Here’s a reference to an evaluation of Georgia daycare center playgrounds that likely led to the adoption of these facility standards. [Atlanta playground hazards in childcare centers](#) 

Georgia does not recognize a national standard for playground equipment, according to the National Program of Playground Safety. They’ve included a list of [State Regulations for Playground Safety Standards](#).

In addition, the Georgia Construction Industry Licensing Board does not license general contractors or specialty contractors such as playground contractors. In order to do business in this state, you will need to contact the local city or county where work is to be performed. Website: <http://www.sos.state.ga.us/plb/construct/>

For a [Licensing Requirements for Contractors In Your State](#).

Your best solution is to find a reputable vendor, design consultant, and installer that is NPSI certified. The equipment should also be IPEMA certified, and the design and access should all meet ADAAG (accessibility standards). If you are planning a [playground in Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Florida, Kentucky or North Carolina](#) and would like assistance, please contact us at .

Don’t forget to reference the Fundraising Resources page on the top right tab, for products and resource to help you with your playground fundraiser.

Playground Maintenance: 10 Things you Better Not Overlook

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Playground Safety: 10 Maintenance Check Points on your Playground



1. Make sure surfaces around playground equipment have at least 9" of loose-fill rubber, 9" of certified EWF (Engineered Wood Fiber), 12" of un-tested wood mulch; or include mats made of safety-tested rubber or rubber-like materials.
2. Check that protective surfacing extends at least 6 feet in all directions from play equipment. For swings, be sure surfacing extends; in back and front; twice the height of the suspending bar.
3. Make sure play structures more than 30 inches high are spaced at least 9 feet apart.
4. Check for dangerous hardware, like open "S" hooks or protruding bolt ends. These can catch on clothing such as hoodies, or loose clothes.
5. Make sure spaces that could trap children, such as openings in guardrails or between ladder rungs, measure less than 3.5 inches or more than 9 inches.
6. Check for sharp points or edges in equipment.
7. Look out for tripping hazards, like exposed concrete footings, tree stumps, and rocks.

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8. Make sure elevated surfaces, like platforms and ramps, have guardrails to prevent falls and the climbers have no more than a 15" space to access/exit.
9. Check playgrounds regularly to see that equipment and surfacing are in good condition
10. Carefully supervise children on playgrounds to make sure they're safe.

Above all, make sure your equipment is age-appropriate in design. Kids will challenge and regulate themselves during free play, and you'll find that your "safe" low level platforms and climbers are being used inappropriately by older kids that aren't being stimulated.

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