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## For Parents: Playground Safety

*With thanks to the Consumer Federation of America for caring about the safety of children at play.*

Here are five questions to help you rate your school or community playground:

- Does play equipment – jungle gyms, monkey bars, slides, see-saws – sit on soft, child-friendly surfaces?
- Is any of the equipment broken? Swing seats? Steps on the slide?
- Is the equipment age-appropriate for the users? Are there separate areas for older, larger children and younger, smaller kids?
- Who is responsible for maintaining the playground? And to whom should parents take their concerns?
- Who supervises the playground and when?

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