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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?

See Parents Resource Center at: <http://healthinschools.org/Educators-and-Families/Parents.aspx>

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