PREVENTING INJURIES TO CHILDREN ON PLAYGROUNDS

Ensure that all playgrounds are inspected and maintained by qualified personnel.

- Daily, monthly and annual maintenance schedules should be followed.
- Maintain separate play areas for children under age 5.
- Ensure that schools and childcare centers have age-appropriate, well-maintained playground equipment and that trained supervisors are present at all times when children are on the playground.
- Report any playground safety hazards to the organization responsible for the site (e.g., school, park authority, city council).

Always supervise children using playground equipment. Stay where you can see and hear them.

- Prevent unsafe behaviors like pushing, shoving, crowding and inappropriate use of equipment.
- Ensure that children use age-appropriate playground equipment.
- Remove hood and neck drawstrings from all children’s outerwear. Never allow children to wear helmets, necklaces, purses, scarves or clothing with drawstrings while on playgrounds.