

RISK MANAGEMENT FACT SHEET

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW AND WHAT YOU SHOULD DO FOR OUTDOOR RECESS

Teachers on recess duty must be visible to children on the playground. They must position themselves around the playground and avoid standing in clusters.

- *Children may not wear backpacks while playing on equipment.*
- *Students should leave objects such as pencils, pens, and markers in the classroom.*
- *Shoelaces should be tied at all times.*
- *Equipment should be used only for the purpose it was designed.*
- *Once on the playground, children may not re-enter the building except when directed to do so by a teacher. Students must be accompanied by adult at all times.*
- *Children should be encouraged to play actively without pushing, shoving, punching, pulling, or hitting other children.*
- *"Gangs" of children are not permitted to march through play areas.*
- *Jump ropes may be used only for jumping, and not for playing tug-of-war and other games; they should not be taken on slides.*
- *Only soft balls are permitted on the playground during recess.*
- *Children shouldn't retrieve balls that are off the playground without permission from an adult.*
- *Children may not climb trees.*
- *Children must stay away from dangerous areas, such as drains, trash receptacles, streams, ditches and electric areas.*
- *Contact sports are not permitted.*
- *Children on swings must sit in an upright position, and not twirl or jump off while a swing is in motion; they may not run in front or in back of the swings.*
- *Children must go down slides one at a time, sitting in an upright position, and not loiter at the top or bottom; they must not climb up or down the slide.*

Assistance

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