

A guide to safety for school playgrounds

Playgrounds have many benefits for children. But, while some risk is essential, it's crucial to reduce the potential for serious injuries. This is where good design comes in.

3 factors for safety on school playgrounds are:

- + compliance,
- + professional design and layout,
- + and regular maintenance.



compliant equipment

Playground equipment must conform to Australian standards. Key considerations include under-surfacing, guardrails and barriers, and trip hazards. Reputable and professional designers ensure your school is compliant.



professional design and layout

Good design helps facilitate children's development. Factors to consider include layouts, pathways, crowding, shading, plantings, seating and ensuring the playground is large enough to accommodate all the children at your school. It's also important to consider zones for different activities.

ongoing maintenance

Ongoing maintenance helps ensure your playground remains safe and usable. A daily visual inspection is a good idea, especially for high-traffic playgrounds. Schools should also have regular safety audits.

