

SAFETY WARNINGS

Please read carefully. Observing the following statements and warnings reduces the likelihood of serious or fatal injury.

- ☐ This play system is recommended for children (3) through (11) years of age.
- ☐ Adult supervision is required for children of all ages.
- ☐ Dress children appropriately. Avoid loose fitting clothes, coats, scarves, drawstrings and other articles of clothing that may get caught in the play system.
- ☐ Instruct children to use equipment sensibly.
- ☐ Children should not twist rope swings or chain swings.
- ☐ Children should avoid swinging empty seats.
- ☐ Children should sit in the center of the seat, with their full weight on the seat. Never allow children to stand or kneel on a swing.
- ☐ Only one child per swing at a time.
- ☐ Children should not get off moving equipment.
- ☐ Children should not walk close to, in front of, behind, or between moving items.
- ☐ Children should not walk or run up slide.
- ☐ Children should not pick up ramps or slides as this may cause breakage.

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- ☐ Children should not play on the play system when it is wet. Slippery surfaces may cause a hazard.
- ☐ Verify that suspended climbing ropes, chains, or cables are secured at both ends and cannot be looped back on itself.
- ☐ Do not loop chains or ropes over their top supports so as not to reduce the strength of these ropes and chains.
- ☐ Instruct children not to attach items to the playground equipment such as, but not limited to, jump ropes, clothesline, pet leashes, cables and chain as they may cause a strangulation hazard.
- ☐ Instruct children to not use this play system or any part of it for any other purpose than its intended use.
- ☐ For safety do not cut ends of ropes as this may cause an unraveling condition. Instead, tie knots in end of remaining rope keeping ends intact and sealed.

The concern of the manufacturer, as yours, is the safety of your children. We ask for your cooperation in this matter. Our diligence toward safety and your supervision will result in years of safe, healthy, and challenging fun for your children.

NOTICE: This playset product is not intended for public use. It is intended for residential application and is not warranted for public or commercial use.

These statements are in accordance with the Consumer Safety Standards Guide.

MAINTENANCE

A certain amount of maintenance is required to ensure safe enjoyment of your premium playset.

- ☐ Checking and surface cracking are characteristics of all wooden playsets. This is caused by seasonal varying temperatures and moisture conditions. To minimize this checking and/or cracking you may coat your playset with a sealant or preservative. Minor checks, splits and surface cracks do not affect the integrity of your playset.
- ☐ The color of your playset is from a water-based stain. Your playset may show signs of fading due to weather and time. You may wish to apply a water sealant or water-based stain which will benefit the wood and help minimize splitting and checking.
- ☐ Activity on your playset may loosen the bolts and screws. Check all nuts and bolts twice monthly during the usage season for tightness and tighten as required. It is particularly important that this procedure be followed at the beginning and end of each season.
- ☐ If the stakes that anchor the set down become loose, detach them, drive them into the ground in a different area and screw them to the set again.
- ☐ All hardware is plated to prevent premature rusting. Although they are plated, some may eventually experience surface rust. This will not affect their strength.
- ☐ Oil all metallic moving parts monthly during the usage period. To eliminate squeaks, spray with WD-40 or other household lubricant.
- ☐ Check swing seats, ropes, cables, and chains monthly during usage season for evidence of deterioration.
- ☐ Check rope on all accessories for extensive wear.
- ☐ To help prevent pre-mature deterioration of rope and accessories, detach and store during the off season.
- ☐ Instruct your children not to twist swing ropes, since this may reduce the strength of the rope.
- ☐ Tents, Swings and Slides should be removed and stored indoors once temperature hits 10°F. or lower. Extended exposure to these temperatures can shorten the life of your swing sets components.
- ☐ When you are ready to dispose of your playset, make sure that all metal, plastic and wood components are disposed of in accordance with local waste ordinances.

PLAYGROUND SURFACING MATERIALS

SECTION 4 OF THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION'S OUTDOOR HOME PLAYGROUND SAFETY HANDBOOK⁹

Select Protective Surfacing

One of the most important things you can do to reduce the likelihood of serious head injuries is to install shock-absorbing protective surfacing under and around your play equipment. The protective surfacing should be applied to a depth that is suitable for the equipment height in accordance with ASTM Specification F 1292. There are different types of surfacing to choose from; whichever product you select, follow these guidelines:

NOTE: Do not install home playground equipment over concrete, asphalt, or any other hard surface. A fall onto a hard surface can result in serious injury to the equipment user. Grass and dirt are not considered protective surfacing because wear and environmental factors can reduce their shock absorbing effectiveness. Carpeting and thin mats are generally not adequate protective surfacing. Ground level equipment – such as a sandbox, activity wall, playhouse or other equipment that has no elevated play surface – does not need any protective surfacing.

Maximum fall height for playsets is 82" to 94" (From ground level to underside of swing beam).

Loose-Fill Materials:

- ❑ Maintain a minimum depth of 9 inches of loose-fill materials such as wood mulch/chips, engineered wood fiber (EWF), or shredded/recycled rubber mulch for equipment up to 8 feet high; and 9 inches of sand or pea gravel for equipment up to 5 feet high. NOTE: An initial fill level of 12 inches will compress to about a 9-inch depth of surfacing over time. The surfacing will also compact, displace, and settle, and should be periodically refilled to maintain at least a 9-inch depth.
- ❑ Use a minimum of 6 inches of protective surfacing for play equipment less than 4 feet in height. If maintained properly, this should be adequate. (At depths less than 6 inches, the protective material is too easily displaced or compacted.)
- ❑ Use containment, such as digging out around the perimeter and/or lining the perimeter with landscape edging. Don't forget to account for water drainage. U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C., 20207 or call the toll-free hotline :1-800-638-2772
- ❑ Check and maintain the depth of the loose-fill surfacing material. To maintain the right amount of loose-fill materials, mark the correct level on play equipment support posts. That way you can easily see when to replenish and/or redistribute the surfacing.
- ❑ **Do not** install loose fill surfacing over hard surfaces such as concrete or asphalt.

Poured-In-Place Surfaces or Pre-Manufactured Rubber Tiles:

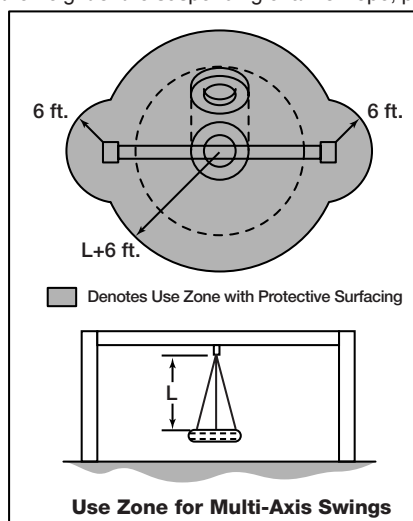
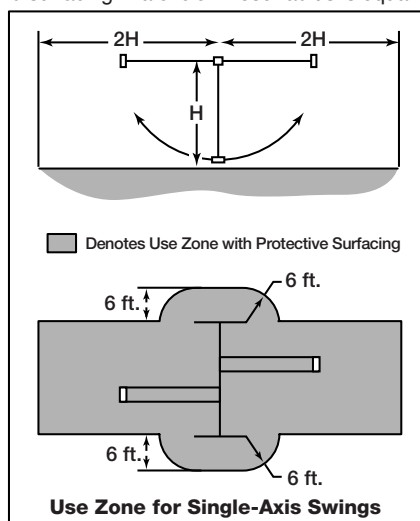
You may be interested in using surfacing other than loose-fill materials – like rubber tiles or poured-in-place surfaces.

- ❑ Installations of these surfaces generally require a professional and are not “do-it-yourself” projects.
- ❑ Review surface specifications before purchasing this type of surfacing. Ask the installer/manufacturer for a report showing that the product has been tested to the following safety standard: ASTM F 1292 Standard Specification for Impact Attenuation of Surfacing Materials within the Use Zone of Playground Equipment. This report should show the specific height for which the surface is intended to protect against serious head injury. This height should be equal to or greater than the fall height – vertical distance between a designated play surface (elevated surface for standing, sitting, or climbing) and the protective surfacing below – of your play equipment.
- ❑ Check the protective surfacing frequently for wear.

Placement

Proper placement and maintenance of protective surfacing is essential. Be sure to

- ❑ Extend surfacing at least 6 feet from the equipment in all directions.
- ❑ For to-fro swings, extend protective surfacing in front of and behind the swing to a distance equal to twice the height of the top bar from which the swing is suspended.
- ❑ For tire swings, extend surfacing in a circle whose radius is equal to the height of the suspending chain or rope, plus 6 feet in all directions.



⁹ This information has been extracted from the CPSC publications “Playground Surfacing—Technical Information Guide” and “Handbook for Public Playground Safety.” Copies of these reports can be obtained by sending a postcard to the: Office of Public Affairs, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C., 20207 or call the toll-free hotline: 1-800-638-2772