

DESIGNING, INSTALLING OR UPGRADING A PLAYGROUND

Kidsafe NSW PAU can assist you with:

- Playground design.
- Meeting Australian Standards for playgrounds.
- Surfacing requirements.
- On-site inspections.

OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED

The PAU provides a range of other services including:

- Fact Sheet and publications to assist in the development of safe, creative playgrounds.
- Interpretation of the Australian Playground safety standards.
- Design, construction and maintenance advice for safe and creative play areas.
- Evaluation of playspace plans.
- Tours of the demonstration playspace located at Kidsafe House.
- Specific Services aimed at regional and rural based groups.

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PLAYGROUND ADVISORY UNIT AT KIDSAFE HOUSE



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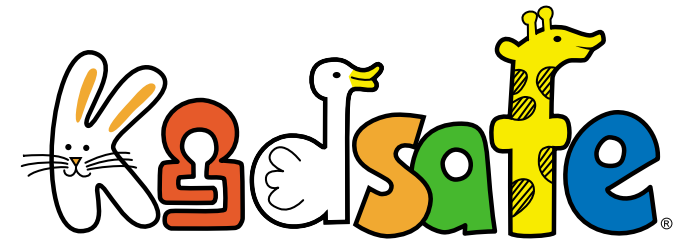
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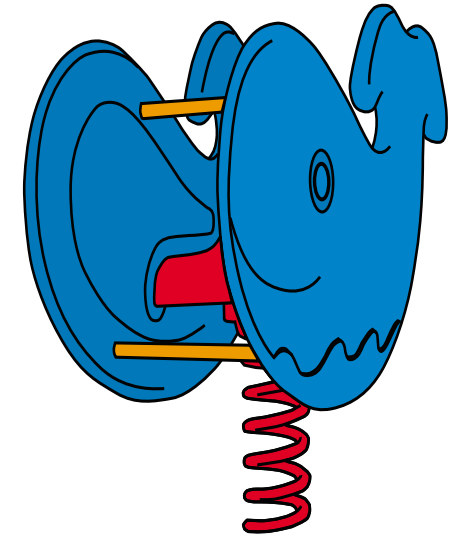


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Playground Advisory Unit of NSW



THE UNIT

The Playground Advisory Unit (PAU) comprises a multi-disciplinary team of personnel from a variety of professional backgrounds, including landscape design, horticulture, child development, occupational therapy, health and safety.

AIMS

The Unit aims to increase the number of safe, creative play environments that comply with Australian Standards for playgrounds, in order to promote participation in recreational activities.

SERVICES

The Playground Advisory Unit is the principal agency which provides impartial technical, design and safety information services to all groups across NSW. These services include:

Workshops

Inspection and maintenance workshops can be tailored to individual group needs such as children's services, local government and schools etc.

The workshops comprise:

- Explanation of compliance and maintenance issues according to Australian Standards for playgrounds.
- Information packages.
- Practical assessments of playgrounds.

On-Site Inspections

- One hour verbal consultation providing information on safety and design issues to assist groups with upgrades.
- Comprehensive Playground Safety Inspections examine safety and compliance issues according to Australian Standards for playgrounds. Written Report provided, including checklist.

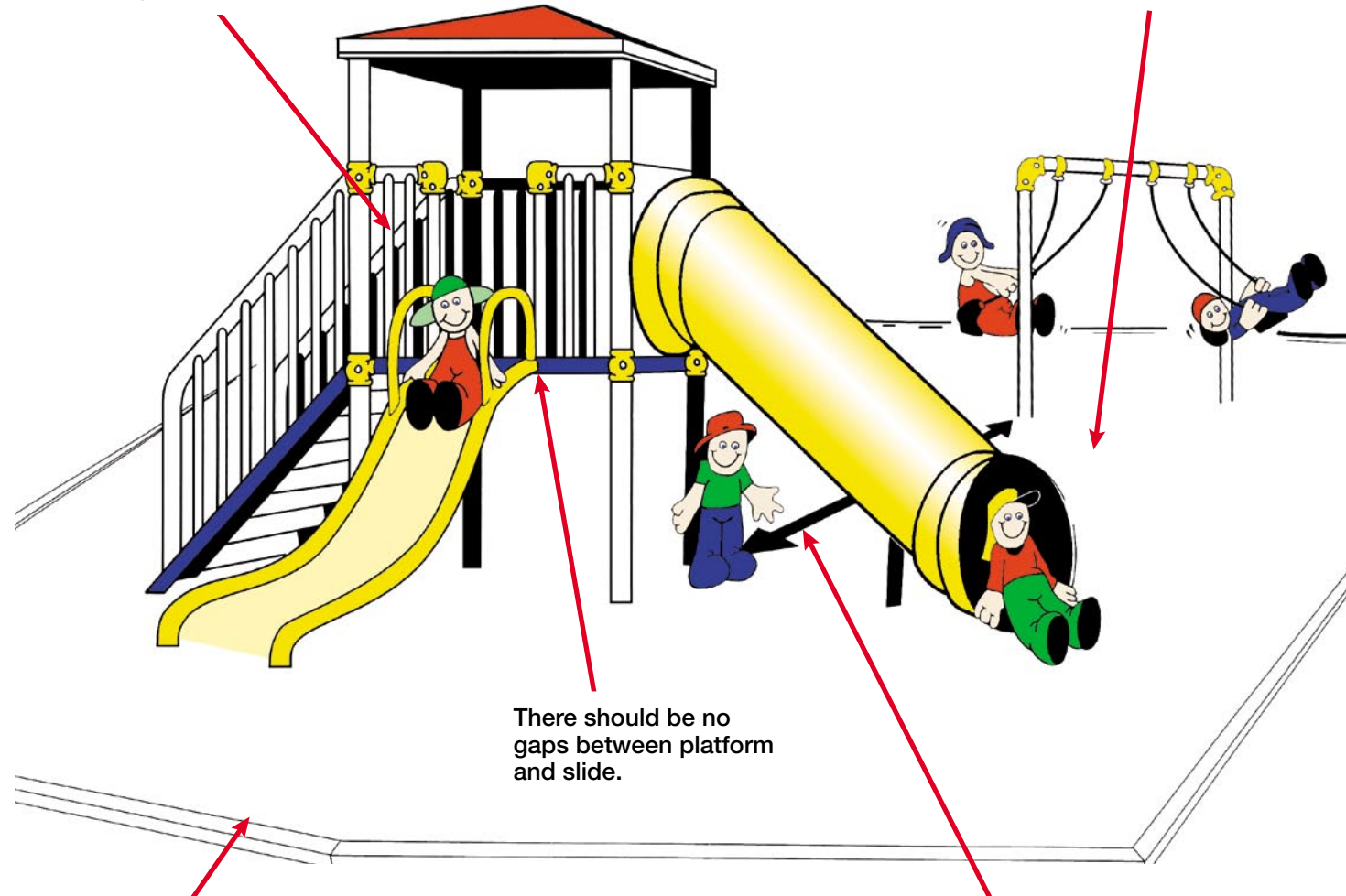
Review of Plans Service

- Review of playground plans produced by other agencies with report and checklists.

IS THE PLAYGROUND SAFE?

Infills should be vertical and spaced to avoid entrapment.

Always use appropriate impact absorbing material under and around equipment. Check critical fall height test results.



There should be no gaps between platform and slide.

The safe fall zone is determined by the fall height. Generally this shall be up to 1900mm for supervised early childhood settings, or up to 2500mm for schools and public settings.

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