

## HOME PLAYGROUND SAFETY

- Young children should be supervised at all times.
- Shoving and pushing, even playfully, should not be allowed.
- The surface under the equipment should be able to absorb shocks. Rubber, sand, 12 inch deep sawdust, wood chips or bark should be used to cover concrete, cement or wood surfaces.
- Swing seats should be made of something soft, not wood or metal.
- Children should not twist swings, swing empty seats or walk in front of moving swings.
- Assemble home playground equipment correctly, set it on a level surface, and anchor it firmly to the ground. Install equipment at least 6 feet from fences or walls.
- Cap all screws and bolts. Check periodically for loose nuts and bolts and broken, rusty or sharp parts.
- Do not buy equipment with “S” hooks, sharp edges or 5- to 10-inch rings. A child’s head may get caught in rings that size.
- Check for hot metal surfaces on slides, which could cause burns.