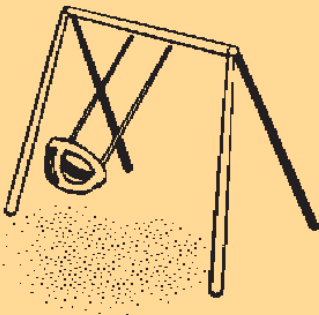


SAFE K:DS MID-SOUTH

THE FACTS

Most playground-related injuries involve falls to the surface or falls onto equipment.

For more information, visit
www.lebonheur.org/safekids.



PLAYGROUND SAFETY

SAFETY TIPS:

- Always actively supervise children while playing on playground equipment.
- Avoid asphalt, concrete, grass and soil surfaces under playground equipment.
- Acceptable loose-fill materials include hardwood fiber mulch or chips, pea gravel, fine sand and shredded rubber.
- Rubber mats, synthetic turf and other artificial materials are also safe surfaces and require less maintenance.
- Surfacing should be maintained at a depth of 12 inches and should extend a minimum of 6 feet in all directions around stationary equipment.
- Frequent inspection of equipment is important to be sure no sharp points, corners, or edges are present that could cut or puncture a child's skin.
- Equipment should not have protrusions or projections that could entangle a child's clothing and cause injury or death by strangulation.
- Equipment should not form openings that could entrap a child's head.