



Playground Injuries:

- Approximately 80% of all playground injuries are caused by falls to the surface.
- Children between the ages of 5 and 9 suffer over 50% of playground injuries.
- Playground injuries occur at school 36% of the time, at public parks 34.3% of the time and at home 18.8% of the time.
- There have been 18 playground related deaths in Canada between 1982 and 2002 (4 since 2002).

Owner/Operator Safety Tips:

- ◆ Choose equipment that is compliant with current CSA Standards.
- ◆ Always have impact-absorbing surface material under and around equipment.
- ◆ Make sure age appropriate signage is attached to each piece of equipment.
- ◆ Schedule regular maintenance visits to check for faulty equipment, debris and vandalism.
- ◆ Get your playground inspected by a CCPI for compliance with CSA Standards.
- ◆ Adopt a playground safety policy.



Contact Recreation PEI before Oct 31st, 2012 to set up a **FREE** Playground Inspection and be entered in the draw to win this Swing Set (valued at \$1,500) generously donated by Henderson Recreation Equipment Limited.

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**FREE
Playground Safety Inspections**



Active & Safe PEI

“Supporting the enhancement of safety practices through education and awareness”

Active & Safe PEI is a project of:



ACTIVE & SAFE PEI PROGRAM

Background:

Playgrounds are the most common and widely used recreation facilities in Island communities. They provide countless hours of enjoyment for our children and allow them to develop mentally, socially, and physically.

As owners and operators of these facilities you have a responsibility to ensure that you are providing the safest possible play environment for the children that use your equipment.

At least 29,000 children younger than 15 years of age receive treatment for playground injuries in hospital emergency departments each year in Canada¹.

The Canadian Standards Association [CSA] developed the nationally recognized standard for children's play spaces and equipment. This standard specifies numerous design and maintenance criteria to reduce the risk and severity of injury.

Recreation PEI administers the Active & Safe Program with the purpose of reducing the number of playground injuries by providing, at no charge, CSA inspections to Provincial parks, schools, community parks, day care centers, and other publicly operated Island facilities.

Playground Inspections:

Owner/operators that participate in the Active & Safe PEI Program receive an inspection by a Canadian Certified Playground Inspector [CCPI] through the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association [CPRA].

The CCPI will administer a thorough inspection process to identify any potential hazards to playground users. Following the inspection, the owner/operator will receive a report detailing any suggested changes or maintenance practices that should be followed. These recommendations are based on national play space and equipment guidelines as outlined by the Canadian Standards Association.

Please note that while recommendations are provided, it is the responsibility of the owners/operators to determine what changes will be made to their facilities. Future upgrades are also the responsibility of the owner/operator and not the CCPI, Active & Safe PEI Program, or Recreation PEI.

This program is administered on a first come first served basis. Our ability to complete inspections is based on demand, therefore, it may be a period of weeks before your inspection or report will be completed.

Adopting A Policy:

As part of the Active & Safe PEI Program we also work with individual facilities to develop playground policies based on their needs. We have a number of sample playground safety policies available for schools, daycare centers, and communities to adopt or can help custom develop a playground policy that fits specific needs based on budget, staffing, equipment, etc.

You Could Win:

In addition to knowing your playground has been checked for hazards and is a safer place for youth to play you could also increase the play value of your playground. As an added incentive to get more Island playgrounds inspected Henderson Recreation Equipment Limited has generously donated a prize valued at \$1,500.

Anyone that contacts Recreation PEI before October 31, 2012 and schedules a FREE Playground Inspection will be entered into a draw to win a 2-bay swing set (pictured on back).

Henderson has been making commercial playground equipment for over 40 years and designs/manufactures play equipment to be compliant with current CSA standards.

¹Injury Section Public Health Agency of Canada analysis of data from the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) and the Canadian Hospitals Injury Reporting and Prevention Program (CHIRPP). In; 2000.

