

WAC 110-301-0146 Equipment and surfaces in outdoor school-age program space. This section is applicable to any program that does not operate on public or private school premises.

(1) Playground equipment and surfacing used by a school-age provider must comply with applicable CPSC guidelines including, but not limited to, installing, arranging, designing, constructing, and maintaining outdoor play equipment and surfacing.

(a) Climbing play equipment must not be placed on or above concrete, asphalt, packed soil, lumber, or similar hard surfaces; and

(b) The ground under swings and play equipment must be covered by a shock absorbing material (grass alone is not acceptable) such as:

(i) Pea gravel at least nine inches deep;

(ii) Playground wood chips at least nine inches deep;

(iii) Shredded recycled rubber at least six inches deep; or

(iv) Any material that has a certificate of compliance, label, or documentation stating it meets ASTM standards F1292.

(2) Permanently anchored outdoor play equipment must not be placed over septic tank areas or drain fields, and must be installed according to the manufacturer's directions.

(3) Handmade playground equipment must be maintained for safety or removed when no longer safe. Prior to construction of new handmade playground equipment, the provider must notify the department and have plans and a materials list available upon request.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.216.055 and 43.216.065. WSR 21-10-035, § 110-301-0146, filed 4/27/21, effective 6/1/21.]