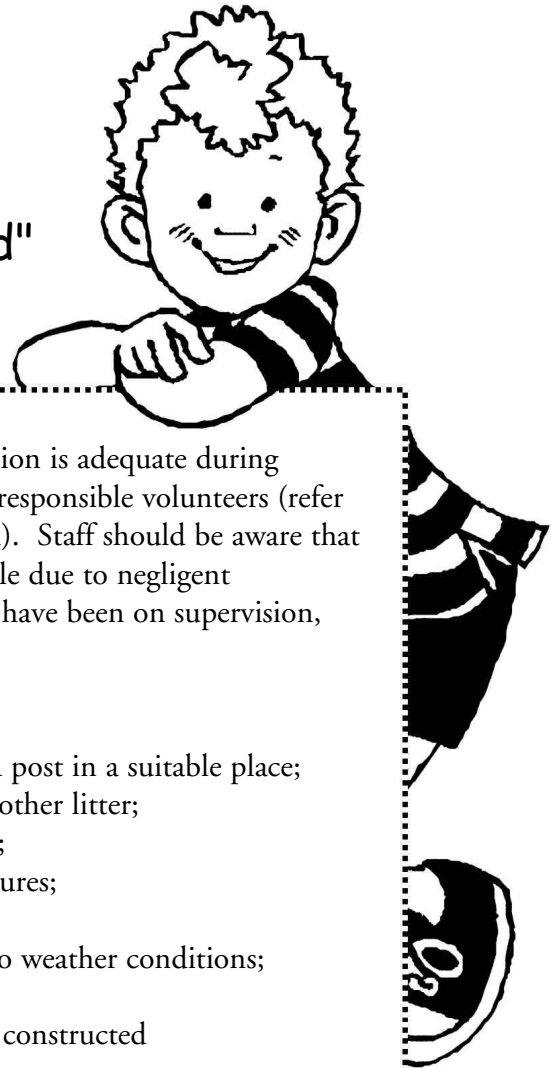


Playground Safety

"Playing Safely...
Me and My Playground"



The principal is responsible for ensuring playground supervision is adequate during school hours. This may be delegated to other staff including responsible volunteers (refer to specific school board policy regarding hours of supervision). Staff should be aware that if they miss an assigned supervision, they are potentially liable due to negligent behaviour. If an accident or injury occurs when they should have been on supervision, they may be held responsible by the courts.

Those responsible should:

- develop and discuss rules and regulations with students and post in a suitable place;
- recognize and report potential hazards; e.g., broken glass, other litter;
- check equipment regularly to make sure it is in good repair;
- instruct children in the safe use of all equipment and structures;
- stagger class use of structures, if appropriate;
- select and limit use of structure and equipment according to weather conditions;
- ensure that all structures are firmly anchored or secured;
- ensure that the surfaces under all playground structures are constructed of impact-absorbing material ;
- ensure that new equipment and surfaces follow CSA standards and that existing installations are reviewed in light of CSA standards.

For a complete copy of the Safety Guidelines for Physical Activity in Alberta Schools (product #405672), contact the LRC – www.lrc.learning.gov.ab.ca.



Activity	
Basic Skills	
Application of Basic Skills	



Benefits Health	
Functional Fitness	
Body Image	
Well-being	



Cooperation	
Communication	
Fair Play	
Leadership	
Teamwork	



Do it Daily...for life	
Effort	
Safety	
Goal Setting	
In the Community	