

each year, more than 200,000 children go to hospital emergency rooms



with playground-related injuries. Most of the injuries occur



when a child falls from the equipment onto the ground.



Many backyard playsets and some public playsets are placed



on dirt or grass—surfaces that do not protect children when they fall.



## 4 TIPS FOR A SAFE PLAYGROUND

- ▶ Install and maintain a shock-absorbing surface (wood chips, mulch, sand) around the play equipment.
- ▶ Never attach, or allow children to attach, ropes, jump ropes, clotheslines, or pet leashes to play equipment—children can strangle on these.
- ▶ Check for sharp points or edges in equipment.
- ▶ Carefully supervise children on play equipment to make sure they are safe.



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