



The intent of this report is to outline and clarify the roles and responsibilities of manufacturers regarding Children's Playspaces and Equipment as outlined in CAN/CSA-Z614-03. (copied sections of the actual document are shown for reference only)

Manufacturer, Roles and Responsibilities

section description

- 6 Compliance**
Playground equipment represented as complying with this Standard shall meet all applicable requirements specified herein. Anyone claiming compliance with this Standard shall keep such essential records as are necessary to document
- 7.1 Materials / General Requirements**
Playground equipment shall be manufactured and constructed only of materials that have a demonstrated durability in the playground or similar outdoor setting. Any new materials shall be documented or tested appropriately for durability by the playground equipment manufacturer.
- 7.7 Hazardous Substances**
The manufacturer and owner/operator shall ensure that users of the playground equipment cannot ingest, inhale, or absorb through body surfaces potentially hazardous amounts of substances as a result of using the playspace.
- 8 Installation**
- 8.1 Designer's or Manufacturer's Responsibilities**
The designer or manufacturer shall provide detailed instructions for the installation of each playstructure designed or provided, as well as a complete parts list.
- 8.2.1 Owner's / Operators or Installer's Responsibilities**
All playstructures shall be installed according to the manufacturer's/designer's instructions.
- 9 Structural Integrity**
The structural integrity tests are intended to be conducted before the equipment begins to be used and are not intended to be performed as part of a routine maintenance program. Clause 9 is based on the use of performance tests for structural integrity. Performance tests require a definite end point that can be physically measured and require that the safety factors be included in the loading criteria.
The manufacturer shall be responsible for ensuring compliance with the requirements of Clause 9 and providing documentation to the owner/operator.
- 9.1.1**
- 9.1.2**
- 9.8 Alternatives to Testing for Structural Integrity**
As an alternative to the tests described in Clauses 9.4.1 to 9.6.3, it shall be acceptable for a licensed professional engineer to certify the integrity of the equipment to support the aforementioned test loads.
- 16 Identification and Information**
- 16.1 General**
All playstructures and composite playstructures shall have a permanently attached manufacturer's identification label, with a means of contacting the manufacturer identified.
- 16.2 Age-Specific Equipment**
Playstructures and composite playstructures shall have a permanently attached label to indicate the age group for which they have been designed.
- 16.7 Information**
- 16.7.1 Space**
The manufacturer/designer shall alert the owner/installer regarding the requirements for no-encroachment zones, clearances, and the extent of protective surfacing under equipment.
- 16.7.2 Maintenance Instructions**
The manufacturer/designer shall provide
- a) information about the items to be checked;
 - b) information about regular preventive maintenance such as
 - i) periodic tightening of bolts;
 - ii) inspection of anchors; and
 - iii) checks for decay, corrosion, or insect attack;
 - c) a schedule for lubrication; and
 - d) a tentative schedule for replacing components.