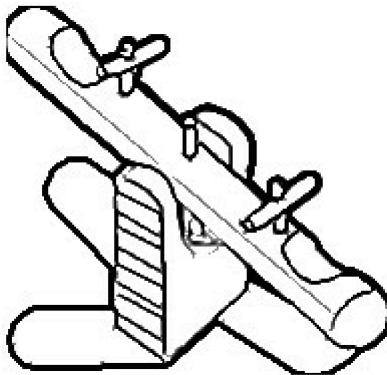
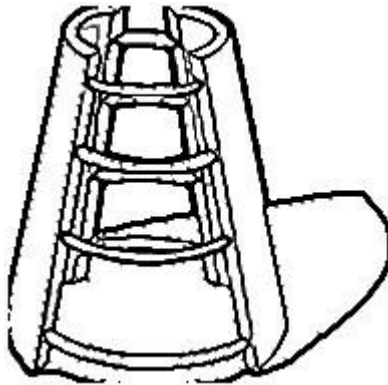
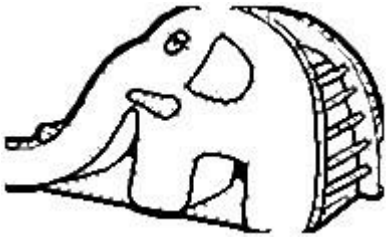


Playground Safety Checklist



- ✓ Surfaces around playground equipment should be filled with at least 12 inches of loose fill, such as wood chips, mulch, sand or pea gravel.
- ✓ Most stationary equipment should have at least a 6-foot use zone in all directions.
- ✓ Any openings that can trap children (in guardrails or between ladder rungs) should be less than 3½ inches apart or more than 9 inches.
- ✓ Guardrails should surround all elevated platforms and should be at least 29 inches high for preschool-age children and 38 inches high for school-age children.
- ✓ Look for exposed concrete footings, tree roots or rocks that could trip children.
- ✓ Check for sharp edges and dangerous hardware, like open "S" hooks or protruding bolts.
- ✓ Make sure your child plays on age-appropriate equipment.
- ✓ Playgrounds should be maintained regularly. Report any problems.
- ✓ Remove hoods or drawstrings that can get caught on equipment.
- ✓ Supervise children while they play.

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