



ARE YOUR PLAYGROUNDS SAFE?

Tragically each year approximately 15 children die in playground accidents and nearly a quarter million playground injuries occur. Children are injured by falling from playground equipment, clothing entanglement, head entrapment and colliding with equipment. Needless to say, playgrounds can pose safety and liability hazards if not designed and maintained properly; that's where Glatfelter Public Practice can help.

Playground Safety Inspections

Glatfelter Public Practice can provide Playground Safety Inspectors to help you assess your playground hazards. The inspections are based on the National Playground Safety Institute program using the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) standards. We will evaluate the physical conditions including:

- Surfacing and use zone
- Protrusion, entanglement and entrapment hazards
- Equipment spacing and trip hazards
- Pinch, crush, shearing and sharp edge hazards
- Platforms and guardrail design

We will also provide an assessment of the existing management programs including:

- Equipment selection
- Maintenance and inspection
- Playground supervision

Many injuries could be prevented if playgrounds were designed and maintained in accordance with the CPSC and ASTM guidelines. A Glatfelter Public Practice Playground Inspector can guide you through the standards regarding playground equipment, ground surfacing, fencing, signs, internal pathways, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access, vegetation and related structures within school and public playgrounds.

For more information on **Glatfelter Public Practice Playground Safety Inspections** please call Dan Mahoney, CIH, CSP at **888.855.4782 ext. 6906** or email him at **dmahoney@glatfelters.com**.

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