

# Attention

**All equipment over 600mm** must be placed on Certified Impact Absorbent Material, with a fall zone all the way around the equipment of 1500mm. This means on your softfall – e.g., woodchips, bark, or synthetic material specifically laid for this purpose. Please note that loose mats do not meet this requirement. Equipment with forced movement, slides, swings etc must be its own fall zone plus the fall zone of the other equipment away from other equipment. Fixed equipment can have fall zones of just 1.5m. Equipment under 600mm can have a fall zone of 1000mm.

We suggest that you have two measures – one 600mm and one 1500mm, so that you are easily able to check these measurements (e.g., string or wood). You could use these with your tamariki so that they learn about keeping themselves safe.

**Woodchips/bark must measure 300mm deep** (if it gets below 200mm it needs to be topped up as soon as practical) and must be raked back into place (particularly under swings and at the end of slides) on a regular basis to ensure the correct depth is maintained.

**Slides** must have fall zone of 1000mm on each side, and a runoff measuring up to 2000mm. **Note** that this fall zone cannot overlap with other equipment fall zones.

**Swing seats** must sit a minimum of 350mm above the (correct) soft fall height (barrel and basket swings 400mm). All equipment must be 1500mm away from the swing fall zone (this cannot overlap).

**Single Pivot Swings** (attached to one point on your swing frame) must be installed by itself on the middle of your swing frame – no other swings can be installed at the same time. If the swing is extended horizontally there should be a 400mm gap between swing and side posts. If not ensure mats are installed around the posts.

**Moveable equipment** (eg Tredsafe, Outdorable, Playblox) must be supervised at all times and all attachments, small boxes, etc, put away when not in use. *Refer to product instructions (also printed and displayed).*

**Please ensure that no other items** (e.g., bikes, toys, stools) are in the fall zones of these items, including your fixed equipment (e.g., fort structures, swings).

**PLEASE DISPLAY THIS IN A PROMINENT PLACE IN YOUR EQUIPMENT SHED.**

Please contact [askproperty@playcentre.org.nz](mailto:askproperty@playcentre.org.nz) if you have any questions.

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