



## 28. Playground - Multi-Age Play

Definition	<p>A facility with play features to support a range of activities for tots, children and teens.</p> <p>2,500 square feet minimum; 10 activities</p>
Possible Activities	<p>All ages: climbing, swinging, spinning, sliding, balancing, jumping, hanging, creative play, crawling, hiding, rocking, rolling, bouncing, digging, sand and water play.</p> <p>Toddlers: (2-5): ground based sensory play, swinging, see Facility #24.</p> <p>Older only (5-12): athletic/exercise equipment or some adventure activity.</p> <p>All facilities must include climbing and sliding activities.</p>
Location	<p>Smaller facilities may be integrated into a residential development or a local public park.</p> <p>Larger facilities should be accessibly located within a central business district.</p>
Setbacks	<p>Age 2-5: 30 feet from nearest building, 30 feet from curb.</p> <p>Age 5-12: 50 feet from nearest building, 30 feet from curb.</p> <p>Setbacks may be reduced in multi-family communities provided that other measures such as landscaping and fencing are used as necessary to achieve compatibility with adjacent uses.</p>
Design Criteria	<p>Provide shade trees and plantings as needed to screen the area.</p> <p>Provide adjacent seating area and trash receptacles.</p> <p>Comply with government agency requirements for playground design and safety.</p>
Resources	<p>United States Consumer Protection Safety Commission National Program for Playground Safety</p> <p><a href="http://playgroundsafety.org/standards/cpsc">http://playgroundsafety.org/standards/cpsc</a></p> <p>Design and construction of playgrounds must conform to the requirements of the ADA Amendments Act of 2008.</p>

### Supply Values

		Tots	Children	Teens	Young Adults	Adults	Seniors
Multi-age Play Area	Ages 2-12	9	11	3	2	4	2



## Playground - Multi-age Examples



*From top:  
Playground, Fuji Hakone Izu National Park,  
Fujinomiya, Japan*

*Playground, climbing structures and slides,  
National Arboretum,  
Canberra, Australia*

*Bronze sculptural playscape,  
Silver Towers Playground, New York, NY  
Artist Tom Ottern*