27. Playground - Play Area

**Definition**
A facility with play features to support a range of activities for children ages 5-12.

1,500 square feet minimum; 5 activities.

**Possible Activities**
All ages: climbing, swinging, spinning, sliding, balancing, jumping, hanging, creative play, crawling, hiding, rocking, rolling, bouncing, digging, sand and water play.

Older only (5-12): athletic/exercise equipment, some adventure activities

All facilities must include climbing and sliding activities.

**Location**
Smaller facilities may be integrated into a residential development or a local public park.

Larger facilities should be accessibly located within a central business district.

**Setbacks**
50 feet from nearest building, 30 feet from curb.

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.

**Design Criteria**
Provide shade trees and plantings as needed to screen the area.

Provide adjacent seating area and trash receptacles.

Comply with government agency requirements for playground design and safety.

**Resources**
United States Consumer Protection Safety Commission National Program for Playground Safety
http://playgroundsafty.org/standards/cpsc

Design and construction of playgrounds must conform to the requirements of ADA Amendments Act of 2008

**Supply Values**

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Play Area Examples

From top:
Parc-des-Cormailles,
Agence Ter, Ivry-sur-Seine, France
Linear playscape, Brigge Kalvebod,
Copenhagen, Denmark
JDS Architect

Playground, wall-holla climbing structure,
by Lappset Co

Opposite: Waterside playground, New York, NY