



27. Playground - Play Area

Definition	<p>A facility with play features to support a range of activities for children ages 5-12.</p> <p>1,500 square feet minimum; 5 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>Older only (5-12): athletic/exercise equipment, some adventure activities</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>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>http://playgroundsafety.org/standards/cpsc</p> <p>Design and construction of playgrounds must conform to the requirements of ADA Amendments Act of 2008</p>

Supply Values

	Tots	Children	Teens	Young Adults	Adults	Seniors
Childrens' Play Area Ages 2-12	0	9	3	2	4	2





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

