

Childcare Connections

Manufacturer Guidelines

Serious harm or injury can occur from the misuse of equipment and materials that is used in the caregiving space. It is the responsibility of all persons working with children to use the materials for their intended purpose. If materials and equipment do not come with clear guidelines you should refer to guidelines of similar items or do not use them.

Oftentimes, manufacturer guidelines include information that should be followed on the following areas:

- Installation
- Disassembly
- Height Limitations
- Weight Limitations
- Supervision
- Age Appropriateness
- Safe Use
- Surfacing Guidelines
- Maintenance
- Warnings for various hazards such as burns, chokings, suffocation and strangulation



Please ensure all equipment supplied by parents or provided by the setting is in good repair and used for its intended purpose. Do not accept broken or inappropriate items or requests that may contradict the warning labels. If parents & guardians have requested accommodation for medical reasons, their request must be accompanied by a letter from a medical professional.

Childcare settings should have policies in place to ensure parents provide appropriate equipment/materials and outline back up measures.



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