



CHOOSING PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Selecting playground equipment is rarely an easy or clear-cut decision. Although reputable manufacturers follow certain industry standards, these guidelines do not always match best practices in playground safety for children birth to five years.

Fortunately there are several good resources available to guide you. For current playground product information and guidance on best practices, consult the *U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* (<http://www.cpsc.gov>), *The National Playground Safety Institute* (<http://www.nrpa.org>), and *ASTM International* (<http://www.astm.org>). To access specific licensing and regulatory rules for Colorado, we recommend that you visit the Colorado Division of Child Care's website at <http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/childcare/>.