



St Ambrose Parish School

Playground Supervision & Inspection

The Hazard – Playground Accidents

Serious injuries from accidents in the school playground can occur from inadequate supervision, inappropriate games, lack of maintenance of playground equipment, overcrowded play areas and contamination from dangerous items such as broken glass and syringes. Each hazard has the capacity to pose a risk to the safety of students.

St Ambrose's Parish Primary School's Policy

St Ambrose's Parish Primary School is committed to providing a safe environment for all our students.

It is our policy that:

- Playgrounds are regularly inspected for potential safety hazards and suitably maintained;
- Playgrounds are supervised by staff immediately before and after school, during recess and lunch;
- First aid facilities are readily available at all times; and
- Student injuries and any near misses are recorded and notified to the school's administration staff.

Inspections & Maintenance

The school has implemented the following preventative measures to minimise the risk of playground accidents and injuries:

- Risks associated with playground accidents are regularly assessed;
- Regular playground inspections are undertaken utilising the school's Playground Safety Inspection Checklist;
- Any dangerous items such as broken glass or syringes are promptly removed; and
- Playground furniture and equipment is properly maintained.

Playground Rules

The school has created a set of Playground Rules that are communicated to all students. These rules are designed to minimise the risk of playground accidents and injuries.

Related Safety Policies

The school has also developed a set of related safety policies that may be applicable to incidents and/or accidents that occur in playgrounds. A list of these related policies is provided at the end of this policy.

Playground Supervision

Playground activities before and after school, during recess and lunch are supervised by teaching staff to minimise the risks of playground accidents and injuries.

First Aid

In the event that a student is injured accidentally or otherwise, supervising staff should follow the procedures as set out in our First Aid Policy.

Workers' Responsibility

All workers are responsible to:

- Be diligent and attentive when on playground duty;
- Enforce playground rules consistently, fairly and equitably; and
- Respond appropriately to any playground incidents, accidents or injuries.

Implementation

This policy is implemented through a combination of:

- Risk assessments;
- Playground inspections;
- Staff and student training;
- Effective playground supervision;
- Effective communication and incident notification procedures;
- The availability of first aid facilities;
- Effective record keeping procedures; and
- Initiation of corrective actions where necessary.