

Fencing

- Each facility must have a safe, fenced outdoor play area.
- Fences must be built of suitable material to contain the ages of children being cared for.
- The outdoor fenced play area should be a minimum of seventy five (75) square feet of usable space per child.
- Facilities where care is intended to be two (2) hours or less and the parent is on site, such as in health clubs, grocery stores, etc. are exempt from the outdoor fence play area requirement.



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City Guide to Planning and Evaluating Childcare Facility Playgrounds

The City of Coeur d'Alene has specific regulations and recommendations for safe playground facilities.

This handout outlines these regulations and recommendations.

After reviewing this brochure, if you have additional questions about safe playgrounds, please call Kelley Setters, Deputy City Clerk, at 208.769.2229 or email Kelley at ksetters@cdaid.org



Additional Recommendations

- Outdoor play areas must be maintained in a clean and safe condition, free from debris, dilapidated structures, broken and worn out play equipment, building supplies, glass, sharp rocks, jagged or sharp edges of any kind, toxic plants, animal feces, cigarette butts, and any other potentially injurious materials.
- Outdoor play areas must have a safe and reliable drinking water supply accessible in the play area. The water supply may be a water fountain, water jug and paper cups, sanitized water bottles, etc., and must comply with the health standards of the Panhandle Health District.



Additional Recommendations, cont.

- All outdoor areas are required to have some form of seasonal shade covering at least ten percent (10%) of the play yard from May 1 through October 1 of each year. The shaded area may be provided by a fabric covering, shade tent, treed area but beach/patio umbrellas do not meet this requirement.



- Outdoor learning experiences should provide adequate opportunities for choice, play, exploration, and experimentation among a variety of learning, sensory, and motor experiences.

Additional Recommendations, cont.

- A program should provide age-appropriate equipment, materials, supplies and physical space, outdoor learning environments including functional space. The equipment, materials and supplies should include any necessary accommodations and the space must be accessible to children with disabilities. Programs should change materials intentionally and periodically to support children's interests, development and learning.
- A program should recognize physical activity as important to learning and integrate intentional movement and physical activity into curricular activities and daily routines in ways that support health and learning. A program should not use physical activity as reward or punishment.

