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New Guide on Proper Installation & Maintenance of Playground Surfacing to Help Industry with ADA Compliance

Informative Guide Educates on Surfacing Materials

HARRISBURG, Pa., October 8, 2013 – As the playground industry strives to maintain compliance with playground surfacing to meet ADA standards, the International Play Equipment Manufacturer (IPEMA) has released a new informative guide on the subject. This designed guide, to be released at the [National Recreation and Park Association \(NRPA\) Annual Congress](#), provides a complete source of regulations concerning proper installation and maintenance of all IPEMA certified playground surfaces, including: artificial turf, engineered wood fiber, interlocking tile, poured-in place and rubber mulch.

This year's NRPA Annual Congress theme – "Great Ideas Start Here" – coincides with the release of the surfacing installation and maintenance guide from IPEMA.

"We are excited to launch this surfacing guide, especially during the NRPA Congress, where we are able to offer the print guide to those in the industry who are responsible and can influence correct compliance to the relatively new ADA regulations," said Randy Watermilller, IPEMA President. "In the play industry, creating play spaces that are accessible to everyone is key and correct installation and maintenance of surfacing plays an integral role in this."

The guide provides steps in list format of installation and maintenance of all types of IPEMA-certified surfacing, including: artificial turf, engineered wood fiber, interlocking tile, poured-in place (PIP) and rubber mulch.

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“These simple, yet informative guides condense installation and maintenance instructions into a highly effective, user-friendly resource,” added Watermillier. “By promoting playground ADA compliance, we are able to create access for all children, which is important for the many benefits that play offers.”

The guide is available in printed format at IPEMA’s booth #433 during the NRPA Congress in Houston, Texas. It can also be downloaded [here](#).

About IPEMA

The International Play Equipment Manufacturers Association is a non-profit, membership, trade association that represents and promotes an open market for manufacturers of playground equipment and surfacing. IPEMA represents and serves its members by providing information on key economic and governmental issues affecting the play equipment industry and promotes relationships among related organizations. IPEMA provides third-party product certification services for public play equipment and surfacing in the United States and Canada, ensuring compliance with ASTM and CSA trade standards.

About Voice of Play

IPEMA’s Voice of Play initiative promotes the benefits of children’s play and playgrounds by providing information and resources to encourage the quality and quantity of children’s play and the use of playgrounds. Through resources on the Voice of Play website – www.voiceofplay.com – and a social media outreach effort, the initiative heightens public awareness among key professional and consumer groups, including, parents, children, community groups, school administrators, parks and recreation professionals, playground designers and equipment manufacturers.

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