



Position Statement Regarding Use of Recycled Rubber on Playgrounds

In January 2010, the International Play Equipment Manufacturers Association (IPEMA) released a position statement on the use of recycled rubber on playgrounds based on various studies and reports available at that time. That statement, which is reiterated below, also indicated that IPEMA would continue to review information on the use of recycled rubber and would update its position, as needed, to follow the recommendations of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) as it relates to the use of this product on playgrounds.

IPEMA's position statement is as follows:

- IPEMA does not recommend any particular surfacing material over another for use on playgrounds. It is recommended that all surfacing material complies with ASTM F1292, ASTM F1951, ASTM F2223, CPSC guidelines, and any other local regulations which are applicable.
- IPEMA does not dictate or recommend whether its members use recycled rubber in their products. It is the choice of the individual member.
- IPEMA provides a voluntary third-party product certification to ASTM safety standards in the U.S. and Canada for playground products, including surfacing materials. Those interested in learning more about play equipment and surfacing safety are encouraged to visit www.ipema.org.
- The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) determines and guides the safety issues facing the playground equipment industry. IPEMA encourages its members to follow the guidelines of the CPSC.

IPEMA is always interested in reviewing new safety information, including any independent, third party, scientific studies concerning the use of recycled tires.