

HAZARD ALERT

Playground Safety 1 December 2011

REFERENCE:

OHS&W Act 1986 s19, 20 & 21

OHS&W Regulations 2010

CSH&WSA Document No. 14 – Hazard Management Procedure

OBJECTIVE:

To ensure where worksites have playgrounds, they are maintained and safe for student use.

Guide worksites with playgrounds to inspect the playgrounds to ensure the components have not corroded or deteriorated.

BACKGROUND:

An incident occurred at a school where a vertical pole fell onto students. The 'S' hook had deteriorated resulting in the pole falling.





PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS:

- **Inspect all “S” Hooks and / or ‘D-shackles’ (to ensure they have not deteriorated over time) The weight of the vertical poles are heavy.**
- **Consider attaching a strap as a secondary safety feature so that in the event the ‘s’ hook fails, the strap will prevent the pole from falling.**
- **Amend your Workplace Inspection Checklists for playgrounds to include the following question:**

*Is equipment free from excessive rust or evidence of broken members or cracked welds?
Is a safety strap required?*

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