

Indoor Playspace – Patron Education

Every indoor playspace should have rules that focus on protecting the health and safety of the children using the playspace. It is important to notify patrons of these rules by placing signs in areas where they can be easily seen.

The posted education sign should notify patrons about:

- When, how, and by whom children should be actively supervised during play, for example children 3 to 12 years of age should be actively supervised by an adult at all times.
- Minimum and maximum age limits for using the playspace and equipment. If a child cannot reach or climb onto the play structure by themselves they should not be on the equipment.
- Minimum and maximum height and/or weight limits for using the playspace and equipment.
- Rules for safe play, for example “feet first down slide”.
- Rules about clothing, for example “avoid wearing scarves, loose clothing or clothing with hoods and drawstrings”, and “tie up long hair”.
- Rules about required footwear, for example “wear socks, no bare feet allowed”.
- Rules about washing hands and/or using hand sanitizer before and after using the playspace.
- Rules about eating, such as “no food allowed in or on play structures” and “eating is only allowed in designated eating areas”.
- When to exclude a child from the playspace, for example when a child has a fever, vomiting, and/or diarrhea.
- When, how and to whom playspace accidents should be reported, for example reporting an injury, illness, or a fecal, vomit or blood spill.
- Any other information that the playspace owner determines is necessary to maintain the health and safety of the patrons using the facility.

For more information, please contact your nearest Environmental Public Health office.

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