

Family Day Care Home New Playground Requirements

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Effective July 1, 2009, all family child care home providers are required to provide ground cover or other protective surfaces under permanent or stationary playground equipment. This requirement was added to protect the safety of children by reducing severe injuries to children when using the playground equipment.



With only three months left before enforcement of this requirement, the following resources are available to assist in your selection of an appropriate protective surface:

- ASTMI Playground Audit Guide which is available on the Department's website, www.myflorida.com/childcare, by selecting "Provider Information," then select "Provider Guide Content Selections."
- Outdoor Home Playground Safety Handbook (document number 324) which is available on the US Consumer Product Safety Commission website <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/playpubs.html>.

For more information on ground cover and/or other protective surfaces, contact your local child care licensing office.



Protect the Vulnerable, Promote Strong and Economically Self-Sufficient Families, and Advance Personal and Family Recovery and Resiliency.