



Standards of Practice for Recreation Area Installers

The National Playground Contractors Association believes every recreation area installer should strive to meet these standards of practice. This document provides guidance that can be used when recreation area installers, manufacturers and owner-operators want to evaluate their efforts. To ensure consistency in the way the standards are applied, the following constructions are used: "shall" imposes a duty, "must" creates or recognizes a condition precedent.

1. Knowledge of Legal Formalities

- a. Recreation area installers and/or their employer must carry adequate insurance including general liability, error & omission, workers' compensation, and other policies required by federal, state and local laws as well as contractual requirements.
- b. Recreation area installers and/or their employer must hold all appropriate licenses and comply with all laws and regulations required to conduct business in their jurisdictions.
- c. Recreation area installers shall have knowledge of the standards suggested and/or required related to recreation areas including, but not limited to, ASTM standards, ADA requirements, CPSC guidelines.
- d. Recreation area installers and/or their employer shall ensure contracts are secured and up-to-date in order to define the parameters related to the installation of the recreation area.

2. Personnel Identification and Conduct

- a. Recreation area installers shall comply with requirements and restrictions on the property where the installation is taking place.
- b. Recreation area installers shall be readily identifiable on a jobsite including appropriate clothing, appearance, grooming, etc.
- c. Recreation area installers and/or their employer must create and update policies and procedures related to communications with individuals visiting the jobsite.

3. Pre-Construction Installation and Resources

- a. Recreation area installers and/or their employer must ensure knowledge of use and appropriate training related to tools and equipment utilized on the jobsite.
- b. Recreation area installers and/or their employer must prepare the jobsite prior to installation by securing the area, equipment, supplies, etc. and conducting a pre-construction meeting and walk-through with appropriate parties.

4. Working with Other Industry Professionals

- a. Recreation area installers and/or their employer must create and update policies and procedures related to communications with other industry professionals throughout the installation.

5. Knowledge of Safety Protocols

- a. Recreation area installers and/or their employer shall be knowledgeable about federal, state and local safety requirements.
- b. Recreation area installers and/or their employer shall ensure appropriate safety protocols are followed related to emergencies that could occur on the jobsite.

6. Proper Installation Practices

- a. Recreation area installers must be educated and able to understand installation layouts, techniques, fixtures and other components related to the installation.
- b. Recreation area installers shall be trained by manufacturers on proper installation of various surfacing and equipment products and follow manufacturer's specifications for the product(s) being installed on the jobsite.

7. Quality Control

- a. Recreation area installers and/or their employer must create and update a quality control manual related to inspections, audits, signage, and documentation.
- b. Recreation area installers and/or their employer must follow best practices for quality controls.

8. Knowledge of Other Organizations and Government Agencies

- a. Recreation area installers shall be knowledgeable of related organizations and government entities related to the industry and profession.