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Section 84287.2@ Outdoor Activity Space

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If the licensee has an outdoor activity space, it shall be arranged to assure the following: (1) Safe access by the children. (2) Separation of children under six years from older children, except for minor parents when they are with their child(ren). (A) The separation may be by the time scheduled for use of the outdoor activity space by separate age groups. (3) Inaccessibility to the children of any construction or equipment that causes a hazardous situation, including but not limited to incinerators, air-conditioning equipment, water heaters, or fuse boxes. (4) The absence of hazards from conflicting activities.(A) Houseparents shall place playpens so that they are not hazards to other individuals in the outdoor play area.

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The licensee shall equip the outdoor activity space with a variety of developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. (A) The equipment shall be age appropriate and used in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions.

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The licensee shall maintain the outdoor activity area in a safe condition for the activities planned. (1) Staff shall visually inspect equipment, gates, and surfaces before children enter to assure that the area is free of hazards. (A) Staff shall inspect sand boxes daily and keep them free of hazardous or foreign materials. (2) The licensee shall cover with impact-absorbing material areas where children may jump or fall from playground equipment.

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The licensee shall enclose the outdoor activity area with a fence to provide protection for children and to keep them in the outdoor activity area. (1) The fence shall be at least four feet in height.

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