

## **86587.1 Outdoor Activity Space**

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Children shall have access to safe outdoor activity space that is free from hazards to life and health. (1) The licensee shall ensure that any construction or equipment that causes a hazardous situation including, but not limited to, incinerators, air-conditioning equipment, water heaters, or fuse boxes, is inaccessible to children. (2) Hazards include, but are not limited to, holes, broken glass, and other debris, and dry grasses that pose a fire hazard. (3) Sandboxes shall be inspected daily and kept free of hazardous foreign materials.

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The areas around and under high climbing equipment, swings, slides and other similar equipment shall be cushioned with material which absorbs falls. (1)

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The licensee shall ensure that the outdoor activity space is equipped with a variety of developmentally appropriate toys and equipment. (1) The equipment shall be age appropriate and used in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions.

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Outdoor activity equipment shall be securely anchored to the ground unless it is portable by design. (1) Equipment shall be maintained in a safe condition free of sharp, loose or pointed parts.

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The outdoor activity space shall provide a shaded rest area for the children.