



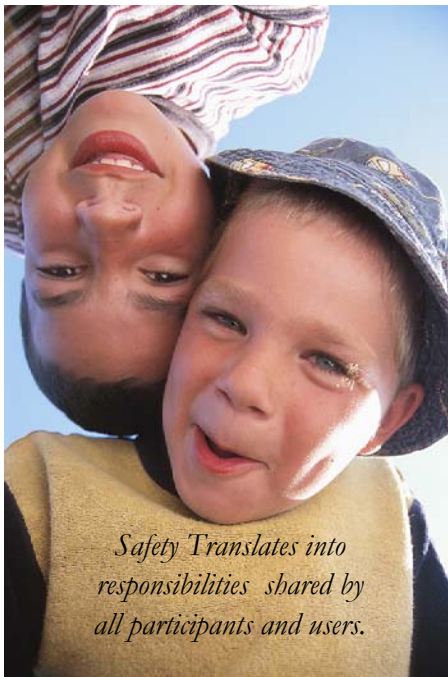
## PLAYSPACE SAFETY

### *CSA Standards for Children's Playspace*

In 1986, the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) set up an independent technical committee representing Canadian expert

opinion to prepare the Standard for children's playspace and equipment. This committee brings together people from several backgrounds, including representative and municipalities, associations promoting safety, the

Federal Government, the health-care field, universities, manufacturers, and the U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission. The Standard only applies to public-use playground equipment.



*Safety Translates into responsibilities shared by all participants and users.*

### *Effective Preventive and Protective Measures*

Climbing, jumping and swinging are activities specific to the nature of children, calling upon their imagination and sense of exploration and contributing to their motor and social development. That is why a safe layout and design of equipment and playspace can decrease the number of falls or reduce their consequences.

The City of Brandon Parks Section is striving to meet the standards on their existing equipment. New equipment and structures will conform with the Standard.

### *Recommended Protective Measures*

1. Conformance with the Standard
  - separation of areas according to age (preschool/school age)
  - safe surfaces (surfacing material, depth, dimensions)
  - equipment conforming to the Standard (manufacturing and purchasing)
  - installation of equipment (anchoring and maintenance, etc.)
  - maintenance and inspection (management policy)
2. Adequate adult supervision
3. Control of user density (the more children in an area, the risk of collision increases)
4. Wearing non-entangling clothing (no drawstrings, hoods, scarves, etc.)

For information or concerns, please call Parks at 729-2148