

## Playground Safety Tips

- **NEVER LEAVE YOUR CHILDREN UNSUPERVISED**
- **Don't allow young children to use public washrooms without close supervision**
- **Apply sunscreen liberally and often**
- **Beware of dangers with drawstrings on children's outerwear**
- Check to see if the equipment is age appropriate for your children
- Review with your children the proper use of the equipment and your family's basic safety rules (eg, no running, pushing, or hurting other children, respect for other children and people using the equipment)
- Hold handrails at all times
- Keep children under 5 within arms reach at all times - they should stay below 5 feet on equipment.
- Remind children not to go in front of swings
- Check the equipment for safety and you can also enquire if the resort/hotel conducts weekly safety inspections for the equipment
- Playgrounds should have a soft deep surface of sand, pea gravel or wood chips that is at least 6 inches deep or soft rubber mats to protect children when they fall -grass, asphalt, concrete and dirt can cause serious injury in a fall.
- Check that children's clothing can not get caught on the equipment remove any strings, and scarves and no skipping ropes on slides
- **NO BIKE HELMETS** - See Travel News information on Playground Safety - Click on Image
- Check that metal slides, steps and platforms are not too hot to touch
- Children should wear shoes at all times on playgrounds - sharp objects and glass are always a concern
- Tell children to slide down feet first, one at a time, not head first.
- Use your common sense as parents to ensure your vacation is a Hotel Fun 4 Kids™ Vacation.
- Long hair should be tied up and loose clothing should not be worn around the playground.
- Teach children not to put hands in their mouth and avoid having children eat while playing on pressure-treated wood playground equipment. Wash hands immediately after playing on this type of equipment.
- Be careful walking to and from the Playground