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Department of Human Services

Making playgrounds better for everyone

An Easy Read survey for children



How to use this document



The South Australian Department of Human Services (DHS) wrote this document. When you see the word 'we', it means DHS.



We have written this information in an easy to read way.

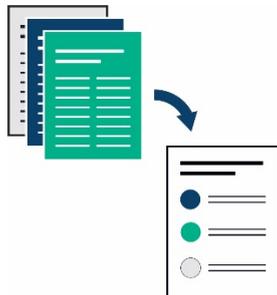
We use pictures to explain some ideas.



We have written some words in **bold**.

We explain what these words mean.

There is a list of these words on page 21.



This Easy Read document is a summary of another document.



You can find the other document on our website at www.dhs.sa.gov.au/disability



You can ask for help to read this document. A friend, family member or support person may be able to help you.

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We want to make playgrounds better



Playing is important for all children.

It helps children to:



- learn how to talk to other children



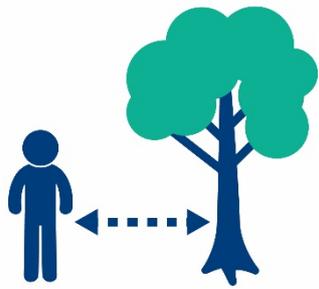
- be more **independent** – able to do things on their own



- be creative



- learn **spatial awareness**.



Spatial awareness is when you understand how close your body is to other objects or people.



This can help stop you from bumping into things.

We want playgrounds to:



- help all children to play together



- be **accessible** to everyone.



If something is accessible, it means everyone can use it.

Why are we doing this survey?



We are creating playground guidelines.



These guidelines are for local councils and other organisations.

The guidelines will help them to:



- improve the playgrounds they already have



- make sure that new playgrounds are more accessible.



The guidelines will tell them how to plan what the playgrounds should look like.



This will help make sure that everyone can:

- get to the playgrounds
- use the playgrounds.



The guidelines will also tell them about **play equipment** that is **inclusive**.

Play equipment includes things like swings and slides.



Inclusive means that everyone can take part. This includes people with disability.



The guidelines will tell them the **facilities** they need.



Facilities include things like:

- toilets
- seats
- shaded areas.



We want to know about your experiences of using playgrounds.



What you tell us will help us to work out what should go in the guidelines.

Who can take part in the survey?



This survey is for children.

We also want to hear from:



- parents and grandparents



- carers



- other people in the community.



There is another Easy Read survey for adults.



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www.dhs.sa.gov.au/disability

If you would like to tell us what you think
in a different way, you can:



- email us at
DHSDisabilityInclusion@sa.gov.au



- call us on
08 8415 4317

About the questions



We want to know a little bit about you.



And we want to know about what you like and don't like about playgrounds.



To answer a question, you need put a tick in the box next to the option that is right for you.



Or, you might need to write in some text.

Questions about you

Question 1



Do you have a disability?



Yes



No



Other

Please tell us more:

Question 2



Is there anything else you want to tell us about you?



No



Yes

Please tell us more:

Questions about playgrounds

Question 3



Do you like to go to playgrounds?



No



Yes

Question 4



Can you do the things you want to do at the playground?



No



Yes



If you said no, can you tell us why?



Please write your answer in the space below.

Question 5



What is your favourite thing to do at a playground?



Please write your answer in the space below.

Question 6



What do you think could make playgrounds more fun?



Please write your answer in the space below.

Question 7



Are there things you don't like when you go to a playground?



Please write your answer in the space below.

How to send us your survey

You can send us your finished survey by:



Emailing it to:

DHSDisabilityInclusion@sa.gov.au



Posting it to:

Inclusive Play

Level 4 Riverside Building

Department of Human Services

GPO Box 292

Adelaide 5001

Thank you



Thank you for taking part in this survey.



What you have told us will help us work out what should be in the guidelines.



If you want a copy of the guidelines when they are finished, please ask an adult, parent or someone who cares for you to email us at

DHSDisabilityInclusion@sa.gov.au

Word list



Accessible

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Facilities

Include things like:

- toilets
- seats
- shaded areas.



Inclusive

People with disability can take part in all the activities available.



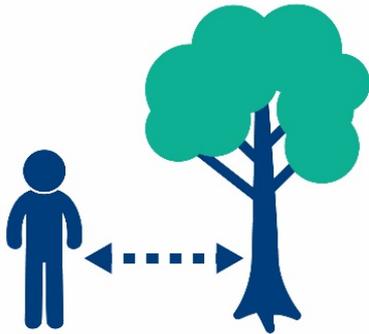
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