

Playing on a swing is a favourite pastime for children. Having access to a swing in your play environment is important for a child's sensory integration.

Consideration should be given to the type of swing as there are currently many types on the market.

- Swings should be free standing and installed in an isolated area away from fences, sandpits and walkways to prevent children from running into a swinging child.
- Swings should be well anchored into the ground with adequate impact area under and around them.
- The impact area will vary depending on the dimensions of the swing and swings must be self-aligning to their intended swinging direction to utilise the reduced impact areas.
- Swings with more than two seats shall be divided by construction parts into bays so that there are no more than two seats per bay.
- Swing seats should be made of a soft flexible material, and there should be adequate clearance between two swing seats and the swing seats and the structure.

- Be aware that glide swings and boat swings can cause serious crush injuries and head injuries and are not recommended.
- ***To determine the required measurements for impact areas and swing clearance please contact Kidsafe SA.***



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Need more help? Kidsafe SA provides a playground inspection service. Contact us for a quote to organise an inspector to visit your playspace and provide specific advice.