



2. Make it safe

You can help make sure your school playground is safe. Make a checklist to inspect your school playground.

What to do - Students

1. Use ThinkSafe SAM'S information in Playgrounds
2. See if you can spot any hazards by walking around your school playground.
3. Decide what you need to check regularly in your school playground to keep it safe.
4. Write a list of things that you can check every day or every week.
5. Use this checklist with your teacher supervising you, at the next break time.
6. Use the checklist on other kids by asking them what they know or have seen.

Example playground inspection checklist

- Do I (and other kids) know how to use the equipment correctly?
- Are there any slippery or rough surfaces?
- Is the ground under equipment hard?
- Are there any broken bits of equipment?
- Do I (and other kids) know why it is dangerous to play too rough or push other kids on equipment?

Teacher tips

Curriculum Framework: This activity links to CF outcomes:

The Arts	1.
English	1, 5, 6
Health and Physical Education	1,2,4, 5
LOTE	
Mathematics	5
Society and Environment	1,2,
Science	
Technology and Enterprise	

Conducting the activity: This activity can be an individual, small group or class task.

Class discussion: What is the purpose of the playground inspection?

Ask students to research ThinkSafe SAM's spot the hazard information in the Playgrounds section and get them to walk around the playground for additional ideas on hazards.

Students develop a checklist, use it in the school playground and explain the safety issues they have identified.

Expanding the activity: Get the students to write a report to the school on what they found and their suggestions about how to solve any problems they found using the ThinkSafe SAM steps. Again this could be done as individuals or groups.

Website links:

www.kidsafewa.com.au

www.safetyrules.health.wa.gov (look for statistics on playground injuries in WA)