

Recycled Rubber Helps Kids Bounce Back

(NAPSA)—Playground scrapes and bruises are a daily occurrence for children across the country—but they can be prevented. With more than 200,000 annual trips to the emergency room as a result of such mishaps, parents always are finding ways to make playtime safer and more fun.

Particularly effective in preventing injury are rubber mulches for playgrounds. One, made from recycled rubber truck tires, mimics the appearance of wood mulch, but has a safety rating second to none. In tests by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Rubberific Mulch outperformed sand, gravel and wood mulch, providing protection from falls up to 10 feet.

What compromises the safety of most playground coverings is compression. Sand, gravel and wood all condense over time, lessening their ability to soften falls. Rubber mulches will not compact, even after years of use and exposure to the elements.

Rubber mulch will not splinter or become hot to the touch. Because it drains completely, rubber mulch is always clean and safe for play, even after rain. "Whether rubber mulch is used under the backyard swingset or in a neighborhood playground, the result is always the same—children are safer," says Cindy Miller,



It's no accident—rubber mulch is considered tops for playground safety.

vice-president of Rubberific Mulch.

Her company leads the industry by offering many benefits in addition to safety. It lasts at least 10 years without replacement, will not rot, fade or attract insects and will not wash away—even in heavy showers. Plants also gain from the mulch as it preserves ground moisture without absorption and inhibits the growth of mold and fungi.

A unique cutting process gives the environmentally-friendly mulch its realistic texture, while a special treatment provides realistic colors, including cedar, redwood, weathered oak and earthtone.

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