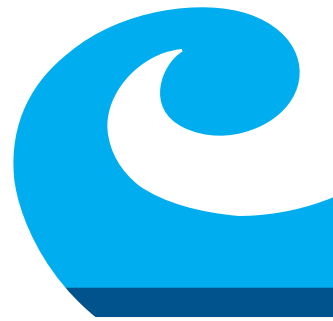




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# Jump, Swing and Play Safely

***Play equipment means family fun time – and it also means parents and caregivers need to know about buying safe products and using them safely.***

***Always supervise children and babies when using any of these products.***

## Second-hand products

- If you are buying second-hand or you are given a hand-me-down product, check for any worn or loose parts before letting children play, jump or swing.
- Check that fabric is not worn and is strongly fixed to the frame.
- Check that locking clips or bolts are secure.

## Assembling play equipment

- Carefully read and follow the assembly instructions.
- If you are in any doubt about how to assemble the product, or if you think there are parts missing, check back with the retailer or the manufacturer.

## Swings and slides

- Make sure that swings and slide sets are stable and set up on even ground.
- Make sure there are no protruding sharp edges from any of the surfaces.
- Check all bolts and screws are tight and in good condition.
- Check for squeaks, rust and general wear and tear. If any of these are present, do not let children use the swing or slide – get it repaired or replaced.

## Bouncers and jumpers

- Make sure the doorframe is sturdy enough to hold the bouncer or jumper. You may need a reinforcement strip.
- Check that the holding clips are in perfect condition. If your bouncer is second-hand or more than 4 years old, check the clips regularly and replace them at the first sign of wear.
- Check the spring is securely fastened, the hooks at each end are not damaged, and that it has a safety cord in the centre.
- Check that the top attachment holding the bouncer is firmly secured to the door frame or ceiling, as instructed by the manufacturer.
- Do not modify the bouncer. Home-made modifications will affect the bouncer's performance and can result in injury to your child.
- Replace or repair any fabric that appears torn or weak.
- Watch that other children do not push or twirl the bouncer.

## Bouncinettes

- Bouncinettes must always be used at floor level. Never place them on tables or benches.
- Do not use a bouncinette when baby can sit up or make strong movements. They are suitable only for small babies.
- Check safety straps regularly and repair or replace any that are worn or weak.
- Do not leave your baby unattended in a bouncinette.

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