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## **EDGING OF PLAYSPACES**

### **Early Childhood Supervised play spaces**

The edging needs to be 1.9 metres from the nearest piece of equipment or from any item above 500mm from which a child can fall.

### **All other play spaces**

The edging needs to be 2.5 metres from the nearest piece of equipment or from any item above 500mm from which a child can fall.

Tripping is a major problem, particularly for very young children. The height of the edging needs to be big enough so as not to create a trip hazard, and yet not higher than 500mm which then requires soft impact absorbing surface material.

Suggest use of soft timbers. Railway sleepers are really good for edging in Early Childhood services on particular.

Whilst the use of CCA Treated timber is no longer recommended for play equipment, there is no such requirement for edging.

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