Anatomy of a Playground

- Tots Play Area (Under 5 years)
- Children’s Play Area (5-12 years)
- Nearby Restroom (Optional)
- Accessible Route
  - 60” wide minimum
- Drinking Fountain (Optional)
- Fencing around Play Area (Optional)
- Accessible Gate (Optional)
- No Dogs
  - No Adults without Children
- Play Benefits
  - Problem Solving Skills
  - Cognitive Development
  - Physical Activity
  - Social Skills
  - Motor Skills

- Protective surfacing for equipment access
- Standard Signage
  - According to park code

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- **Play Area:**
  - Tots play areas include structures for infants (under 2) and pre-school aged children (2-4).
  - Children's play areas include structures for children ages 5-12.
  - There are currently no minimum number of required structures.
  - Play structures typically contain elevated and ground-level play components. Most of today's structures are built with metal, fiberglass, wood and nets.

- **Protective Surfacing:** New playgrounds use rubber surfacing to provide adequate ADA access and fall zone for children.
  - For a variety of reasons, the city does not approve of engineered wood fibers, wood chips, loose ground rubber, or sand.

- **Adults Viewing Area:** Seating area for adults to watch their children play.

- **Standard Signage:** Per park code
  - RPD sign, No Dogs, No Adults without Children, Appropriate Age for Play Structures, No Smoking.

- **ADA Compliance:** Includes but is not limited to:
  - An accessible gate at fenced areas with accessible hardware and 10” solid kick panel at the base of the gate with accessible lever hardware.
  - An accessible route is 60” wide minimum with less than 5% grade.
  - Contains accessible ground level play components and transfer tiers to upper level play components.

Sometimes Present

- **Drinking Fountain**
- **Nearby Restroom**
- **Fencing around Play Area**

Not Considered Part of Play Area

- **Athletic Fields:**
  - Basketball court
  - Soccer field
  - Baseball diamond

- **Clubhouse**