

# School Site Safety

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## Purpose of this policy

To ensure schools comply with site and environmental safety requirements.

## Policy

The principal acts as the school's site manager and is responsible for:

- occupational health and safety (OH&S) affecting buildings, plant, classroom furniture and equipment
- general safety and environmental management including
  - soil and environmental contamination
  - building ventilation
  - noise
  - rainwater tanks
  - sanitation and waste collection
  - swimming pools
  - tree maintenance
  - fire protection prevention
  - bushfire preparedness
- general safety practices on site during a construction project.

Note: Schools must only incorporate approved playground equipment (and must not use seesaws, swings, maypoles, merry-go-rounds, roundabouts and flying foxes) see:

- [Guidelines for School Playgrounds: Playground safety management \(pdf version\)](#)
- [Guidelines for School Playgrounds: Playground safety management \(word version\)](#)
- [Playgrounds and Recreation Association of Victoria](#).

## Funding support: essential services and contracts

The Department provides funding for:

- essential services
- building services maintenance (annual contracts).

This support facilitates:

- the inspection and servicing of:
  - heating plant
  - specialised fire equipment
  - emergency and exit lighting
  - lifts
  - EPA-licensed sewerage treatment
  - water treatment and other sanitary needs.

See: [School Maintenance System](#)