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Strings Can Strangle Children On Playground Equipment: Safety Alert

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Clothing strings, loose clothing, and stringed items placed around the neck can catch on playground equipment and strangle children.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has received reports of deaths when these items became caught on playground equipment, especially slides and swings. Items included strings on clothing (such as hoods and attached mittens), loose clothing (such as scarves and ponchos), and other items (such as jump ropes) placed around the neck. These items caught on protrusions, open-ended hooks, gaps, and other parts of playground equipment.

Avoid dressing children in loose or stringed clothing if they will be on playground equipment.

WARNING!

Clothing strings, loose clothing, and stringed items placed around the neck can strangle a child.

Never dress a child in loose or stringed clothing if they will be on playground equipment.

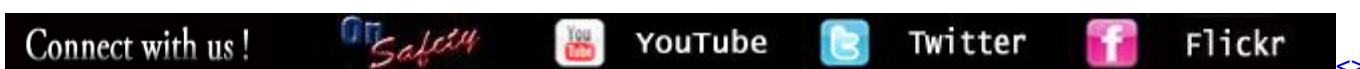
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