

Reclaim Playground Safety Surfacing Questions and Answers

Why replace a sand or grass surface with a rubber surface?

Reclaim surfaces are not only bright and inviting but are also extremely durable and safe and require minimal ongoing maintenance.

Surfaces can be designed to meet specific needs, such as wheelchair access, or creative requirements.

Each surface is manufactured and installed to a high standard and is fully accredited to AS/NZ4455:1996 for Playground Surfacing.

Is a rubber surface more expensive than sand, grass or tan bark?

The cost of a rubber surface installation is similar to, or slightly cheaper than sand over the life of a playground.

Rubber has little or no on-going maintenance costs due to its high-wearing nature. Unlike sand, it does not require raking or sweeping on a regular basis. Reclaim would be happy to provide a sample calculation sheet with comparative maintenance costs over the life of the playground. It is based on several actual case studies.

Also there should be no more complaints about sand in kids' eyes or their shoes and clothes!

Furthermore, a rubber surface requires no constant watering in these days of water conservation .

How is a rubber surface safer than sand or tan bark?

A main benefit of Reclaim's rubber surface is that rubbish and dangerous objects such as glass, needles or bottles can be easily sighted and removed. This is not the case with loose fill playground surfaces such as sand or tan bark.

Importantly, animals such as dogs are repelled from, not attracted to, rubber surface which improves hygiene standards.

Furthermore, Reclaim continually conforms to Australian Standards for playground surfacing.

What happens when it rains? Is it still safe?

The beauty of a Playsafe surface is that most rain and water washes off so easily. This is because the top layer is semi-permeable which allows water to pass through it and not form dangerous pools on the top.

Is rubber easy to keep clean?

Yes. A light hose or blow/vacuum is all that is required to maintain Playsafe surfaces into future years. 'Care and Use Instructions' are available, with all installations. These are easy to follow tips that cover most cleaning scenarios.

Is a rubber surface easily repaired?

Like all playground surfaces, this depends on the nature of the damage. However, most chemicals, paints and stains are easily taken care of with a light hose.

More serious damage such as severe vandalism needs to be assessed by Reclaim immediately by contacting the office. This will help prevent further damage. Don't worry; if the damage is a product or installation issue, the damage is fully covered under Reclaim's 3 year warranty.

Will the colours fade?

Depending on the surface product, the colours could fade, depending on the conditions such as severe UV exposure and available shading. However we have many playgrounds still looking as bright and inviting many years after they were installed.

Is Playsafe™ better for the environment?

Playsafe is an award-winning Australian, fully recycled product. Reclaim convert discarded vehicle tyres into quality recycled products. This ensures a waste or landfill product is effectively recycled into a surface the whole community can enjoy.