

# Playgrounds and playground equipment in Denmark – an overview

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# Background information about playgrounds in Denmark

- 50 – 60,000 playgrounds in Denmark.
- Many different owners:
  - public organisations (public schools, kindergartens)
  - house owner associations
  - private enterprises (private schools, camping sites, shops and shopping malls, restaurants)
  - private people, (child-minders)



# Legislation, safety requirements

- The Danish Safety Technology Authority enforces the Danish Product Safety Act (based on GPSD)
- The Danish Enterprise and Construction Authority enforces the Danish legislation for construction
- (The Danish Environmental Agency enforces the Danish environmental legislation)



# Problems/Challenges

- Safety in new products is in general OK
- (30 inspected in 2006, only few shortcomings)

## Accident statistics:

- 6,700 accidents per year
- 520 are hospitalised
- 0.2 fatalities per year



## Problems / Challenges (2)

- Products are OK but maintenance or installation causes accidents.
- The owner must maintain the playground
- Unclear who does the spot-checking of the owner's fulfilment of their obligations.
  - We only look after the products in themselves
  - Local authorities check their playgrounds.
  - Privately owned playgrounds ?



# Desirable outcome

- Increased awareness on maintenance
- Information leaflet (to owners and users) with a checklist



**Thank you for your attention !**

