

School Playground Safety & Maintenance Training

Practical training and certificate for caretakers, property managers, and school staff responsible for playground safety.

Course Overview

The Playsafe School Playground Inspection & Maintenance Course has been specifically developed for school caretakers, property managers, facilities staff, and those responsible for the day-to-day management of school playgrounds.

This practical one-day course provides participants with the knowledge and confidence to identify common playground hazards, undertake routine inspections, understand maintenance priorities, and improve playground safety outcomes within their school environment. The course combines classroom-based learning with practical onsite assessment activities (real world school playground) and is delivered by experienced independent playground safety specialists.

Who Should Attend?

- School Caretakers, Property Managers, Facilities Managers, Grounds Staff, Health & Safety Representatives
- Principals, BOT Members and School Leadership Teams
- Anyone responsible for school playground maintenance and safety

Course Outcomes

Upon completion participants will:

- ✓ Understand school playground inspection requirements
- ✓ Be able to identify common safety hazards
- ✓ Understand playground maintenance priorities
- ✓ Improve compliance and risk management practices
- ✓ Receive practical inspection tools and guidance
- ✓ Certificate of NZS5828 School Playground Inspection & Maintenance

Routine Playground Inspections

- Daily and weekly inspection requirements
- Identifying high-risk defects
- Inspection frequencies and documentation

Common Playground Hazards

- Entrapment hazards
- Falls and impact attenuation
- Sharp edges and protrusions
- Structural stability issues
- Wear and deterioration of equipment
- Surfacing defects and maintenance requirements

Playground Maintenance

- Practical maintenance techniques
- Prioritising repairs
- Managing defects and temporary controls
- Contractor management and record keeping

Practical Site Assessment

Participants undertake a guided playground inspection at a local school playground and learn how to identify, assess and document common playground issues.

About Playsafe

Playsafe is New Zealand's leading independent playground safety consultancy, providing inspections, impact testing, training, compliance auditing, and advisory services throughout New Zealand and internationally. Our training is delivered by experienced playground inspectors for schools, councils, ECE centres, contractors, and suppliers.

What You Will Learn

- Playground Safety Fundamentals
- Playground risk and injury prevention
- Role of inspections and maintenance
- Introduction to NZS 5828 Playground Safety requirements

Course Format

Duration: 1 Day
 (Classroom: 5 Hours / Onsite: 1.5 Hours)
 Playsafe Ltd 29A Hannigan Drive, St Johns, 1072 Auckland

Certification

Participants receive a Certificate of *School Playground Inspection & Maintenance NZS5828*

Course Fee

\$695 + GST per person

Includes:

- Training materials
- Practical onsite training
- NZS5828 School Playground Inspection Certificate
- Refreshments during classroom sessions

BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

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Trainer Bio: Adam Stride

Independent Playground Safety & Compliance Specialist

Adam Stride is one of New Zealand's leading playground safety and compliance specialists, with more than two decades of experience in playground design, compliance auditing, construction, engineering coordination, project management, and risk assessment. Adam is the Founder and Director of Playsafe Ltd, an internationally recognised independent playground safety consultancy operating throughout New Zealand, Australia, Asia Pacific, and Africa.

Adam specialises in NZS 5828 and EN 1176 compliance, safety-in-design review, post-installation certification, impact attenuation testing (EN 1177), and complex nature-play and bespoke playspace assessment. He has extensive experience working collaboratively with councils, landscape architects, mana whenua, schools, early childhood services, and playground manufacturers to help deliver safe, culturally responsive, and practically buildable play environments.

He is particularly experienced in the assessment and governance of natural play and māra hūpara style environments, balancing play value, cultural outcomes, accessibility, environmental considerations, and compliance obligations. Adam is widely respected for his practical, solutions-focused approach and his ability to identify and mitigate safety and compliance risks early in the design process, reducing downstream redesign and construction risk.

Adam is also a published author within the playground safety and governance sector. His paperback publications include:

- *Play Safe – The Ultimate Guide to Children's Play Safety NZS 5828 (2023 Edition)*
- *Informal Play, Formal Governance (2026)* – focusing on governance, compliance, and risk management within natural and informal play environments.

Professional highlights include:

- Founder and Director of Playsafe Ltd – “The GOLD Standard in Playground Safety”
- Over 20 years' experience in playground compliance, design, and construction
- RPII Level 3 Outdoor and Level 4 Indoor Enclosed Play Inspector
- Certified Surface Impact Testing Specialist
- Technical member of the CEGAP (Centre Design, Environmental Factors and Group Size Advisory Panel)
- Member of the AS/NZS Joint Standards Committee
- Internationally experienced across New Zealand, Australia, Asia, and Africa
- Lead trainer and accredited examiner for playground inspection and compliance training programmes
- Extensive experience in safety-in-design review and independent compliance verification for bespoke and natural play environments

Through Playsafe Ltd, Adam has led or contributed to thousands of playground audits, design reviews, compliance certifications, and safety assessments for local government, education, and commercial projects. Playsafe is recognised for delivering independent, impartial, and professional compliance services aligned with NZS 5828 and EN 1176 standards.

Adam's expertise aligns strongly with the objectives of safe, compliant and fun play provisions and redevelopment projects, particularly in the areas of:

- Safety in Design (SiD)
- Independent risk assessment and compliance verification
- Nature play and māra hūpara environments
- Collaborative multidisciplinary project delivery
- Early identification and mitigation of playground safety risks
- Practical implementation of NZS 5828 and EN 1176 requirements
- within culturally responsive play environments
- Portfolio can be seen here: <https://www.playsafe.co.nz/case-studies>

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