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Performance Objective: The program ensures the safety of equipment and materials.

Safe Equipment and Materials

Indoor and outdoor play equipment, cribs, cots, feeding chairs, strollers, and other equipment used in the care of enrolled children, and other equipment and materials as applicable, meet standards set by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) or the American Society for Testing and Materials, International (ASTM).

At a minimum, Head Start equipment and materials:

- Are clean and safe for children’s use and are appropriately disinfected;
- Are accessible only to children for whom they are age appropriate;
- Are designed to ensure appropriate supervision of children at all times; and,
- Are kept safe through an ongoing system of preventative maintenance.