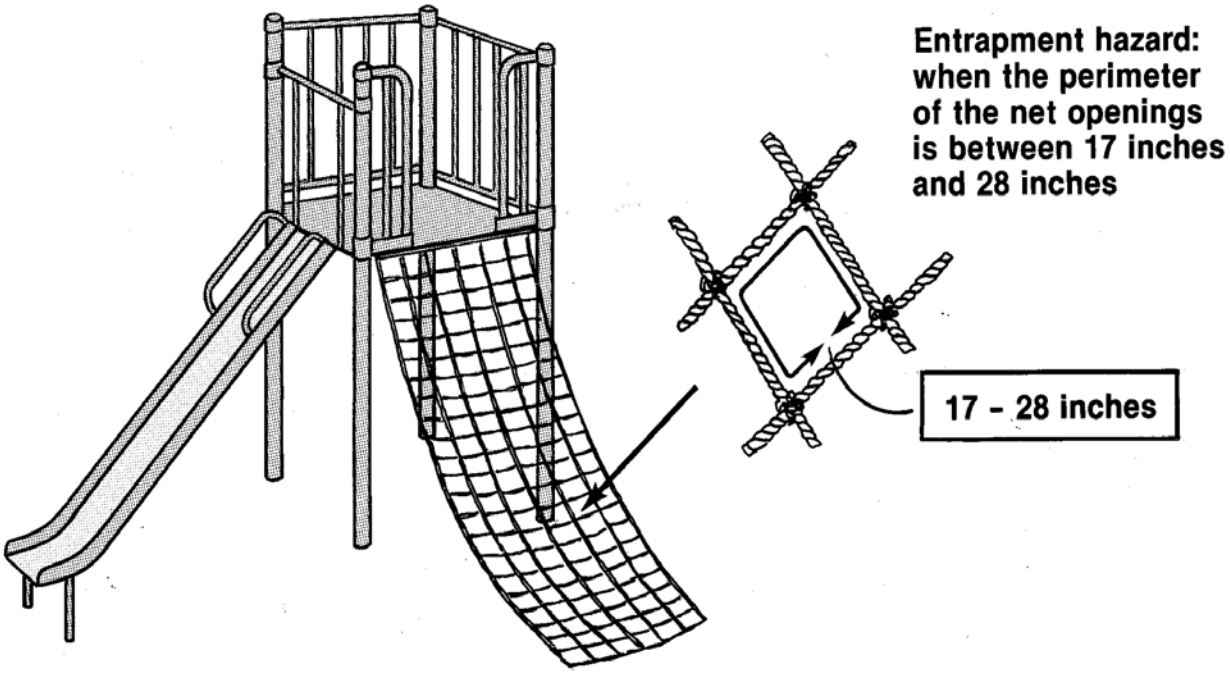
CPSC Safety Alert

Strangulation Hazard with Playground Cargo Nets

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) advises parents to check outdoor play equipment with cargo nets before allowing children to climb them. Nets having openings with a perimeter length (sum of the length of the four sides) of between 17 and 28 inches could allow head entrapment resulting in strangulation.

CPSC knows of incidents at fast food restaurants where a child's head was entrapped and an adult had to cut the net to release the child. Although no serious injuries occurred, the potential for strangulation exists. CPSC staff are working with firms to correct any cargo nets which may be potentially hazardous.

Consumers who know of playground cargo nets that could cause head entrapment should stop children from climbing on the net and should call the CPSC toll-free hotline at 1-800-638-2772 to report the location and brand of the cargo net.



Parents should check for playground cargo nets that could allow head entrapment and strangulation. Net openings should either be too small to permit entry of a child's body or large enough to permit free passage of a child's head.

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