

The requirements of a Locally Equipped Area for Play (LEAP)

- Has a minimum activity zone area of 400 square meters
- Caters for children from 4 to 8 years of age
- Is within 5 minutes' walking time from home
- Has a buffer zone of not less than 10m in depth between the edge of the activity zone and the boundary of the nearest dwelling and a minimum of 20m between the activity zone and the habitable room façade of the dwelling
- Should not have play equipment overlooking nearby gardens
- Is positioned beside a pedestrian pathway on a well used route
- Occupies a well drained site with a grass or a hard surface and features an appropriate impact absorbing surface beneath and around the play equipment conforming to EN1177
- Contains at least 5 types of play equipment, 2 of which at least are individual pieces rather than part of a combination multi play unit, and each type of play equipment should be designed to stimulate one of the following activities:
 - Balancing
 - Rocking
 - Climbing/Agility
 - Sliding
 - Social playAdditional items may focus upon rotating, swinging, jumping, crawling, viewing, counting or touching
- The playground equipment must conform to EN1176
- Contain seating for parents and/or carers
- Contains a litter bin
- Has fencing of at least 1m in height around the perimeter of the activity zone, with two outward opening self closing gates on opposite sides of the play area, to deter entry by dogs and to restrict opportunities for bullying
- Has a sign indicating:
 - the area is solely for use by children;
 - adults are not allowed unless accompanied by children;
 - dogs are excluded;
 - name and telephone number of the operator of the facility to report any incident or damage to the play equipment;
 - location of the nearest public telephone