

CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY NEW ZEALAND

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ACCESSIBLE PLAYGROUND PRODUCTS

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

Our charity, Children with disability New Zealand has the aim of improving the lives of children with disabilities. In this letter, we are asking councils, schools, and any organisations that have playgrounds to implement a policy of inclusion for all children and adults.

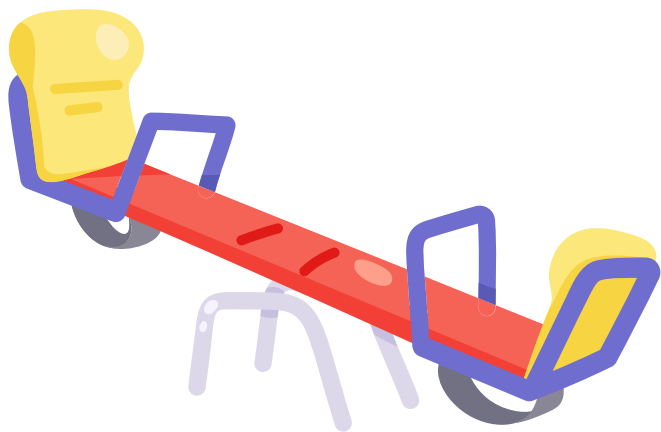
Our website provides a one-stop shop to allow approved playground providers products to be all in one location. This is a resource we would like councils, schools, and others to use.

<https://www.childrenwithdisability.co.nz/accessible-playground-products/>

More inclusive and accessible play spaces and environments to ensure they can be enjoyed by all children and whanau.

Accessible and inclusive environments and facilities must be made available to children with disabilities to enable them to enjoy their rights as equal and active participants in play, recreation, and cultural and artistic life.

Our Charity: Children with Disabilities New Zealand wants to see a positive, solution-focused attitude towards including disabled children. It is possible to make adaptations to increase accessibility and remove barriers to participation by engaging with and prioritising the needs of disabled children and their families.



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INCLUSIVE PLAY SPACE

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An inclusive play space for disabled children offers numerous benefits that contribute to their overall well-being, development, and social integration. An inclusive play space brings together children of all abilities, fostering social interaction and friendship between disabled and non-disabled children.

This interaction helps break down barriers, encourages empathy, and promotes understanding and acceptance of individual differences. Play is essential for the physical and cognitive development of children. Inclusive play spaces provide a variety of equipment and activities designed to stimulate motor skills, balance, coordination, and sensory integration for children with disabilities. Accessible structures, swings, slides, and sensory play equipment allow children to engage in physical activities, promoting their overall well-being. Inclusive play spaces create an environment where disabled children can experience a sense of belonging and acceptance.

By participating in play activities alongside their peers, they gain confidence, self-esteem, and a positive self-image. It helps reduce feelings of isolation and enhances emotional well-being. Supports Learning and Educational Opportunities: Play is an essential component of learning for children. Inclusive play spaces can incorporate educational elements, such as braille panels, tactile surfaces, and multisensory activities, providing opportunities for children with disabilities to develop cognitive skills, language, problem-solving abilities, and creativity while having fun.

By providing an inclusive play space, we create a more equitable and inclusive society where all children, regardless of their abilities, can engage, learn, and have fun together.

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