

Exploring Safety: Examining Play Spaces

As you watch the video, identify the features of the environment that help keep children safe. You might see fences, shade, water sources, or many other features. Use what you learned in this lesson to write a list. Then write how that feature helps keep children safe.

	Feature:	How it keeps children safe:
Location 1	<i>Large covered play space (shade)</i>	<i>Protects children from the Arizona sun and heat</i>
	<i>Play structure is located under canopy/shade</i>	<i>Prevents play structure from getting too hot and burning children</i>
	<i>Variety of toys, organized into interest areas</i>	<i>Keeps children engaged and learning</i>
	<i>Garbage can</i>	<i>Prevents litter and debris from being on the playground</i>
	<i>Resilient surface around play structure</i>	<i>Provides a safe fall zone around the structure</i>
	<i>Covered sand box</i>	<i>Protects the sand box from weather, animals, rodents, etc.</i>
Location 2	<i>Resilient surface around play structure</i>	<i>Provides a safe fall zone around the structure</i>
	<i>Fenced area</i>	<i>Provides a boundary for play; prevents children from leaving without an adult and prevents intruders from accessing the playground.</i>
	<i>Covered picnic areas</i>	<i>Provides shelter and shade</i>
	<i>Access to water for play</i>	<i>Keeps children engaged and learning; ensures use of sanitary fresh water</i>
	<i>Locked storage</i>	<i>Prevents children from accessing unsafe materials and from hiding in unsafe locations</i>