

Congratulations on your purchase of **Bounce Bark® New Zealand's Safety Certified Impact Protection**.

Certified for safety and impact protection, Bounce Bark® is designed to dissipate the kinetic energy of an impact by localized displacement such that the acceleration is displaced.

We want children to have fun in a playground. The aim of any playground is to stimulate children's physical and mental development, challenge and grow confidence. The aim of our safety certified bark is to prevent accidents and lessen the risk of harm or consequences if something goes wrong.

For our bark to be effective there are some New Zealand Standards that need to be met. **NZS 5828:2015** states that a playground must have a certified product in its critical fall area.

- If a playground has a height where a child could fall off over 600 mm in height then the entire surface must be covered in a certified product.
- The highest piece in the playground is called the critical fall height. If this exceeds 2 metres then the depth of the bark must be 200mm with an additional 100mm placed on top for possible displacement. Therefore, the depth laid would be 300mm.
- If the highest piece in the playground exceeds 3 metres then the depth of the bark must be 300mm with an additional 100mm placed on top for displacement. Therefore, the total depth laid would be 400mm.
- All materials in the playground including the impact protection are required to have a test certificate of compliance which meets HIC EN177. We can provide your location this certification by request for your records. This greatly removes many forms of liability if someone does go wrong in your playground. Email care@wholesalelandscapes.co.nz with details of your purchase and what retailer it came from and we will in turn provide such certification. Photos of the project would also assist us greatly.

Regular maintenance is required for all playground surfacing products. This includes replacing bark in areas where impact occurs, regular checks after weather as to the compactness of the bark, regular top ups to keep depth and ensure acceleration is displaced after a fall. We also encourage regular raking or the use of a blower vac to relocate displaced bark, regular checks to ensure foreign contaminants have not made their way into your playground. Key thing to look out for would be contaminants like glass, large stones or rubbish.

For early childhood centres, kindergartens, schools or community centres the ideal time for this is school holidays.

For a list of local retailers or supply agents for your area please feel free to contact us on 0800 421000 or email care@wholesalelandscapes.co.nz

If you have any further questions in relation to your playground surfacing please feel free to contact us at any time – Wholesale Landscapes