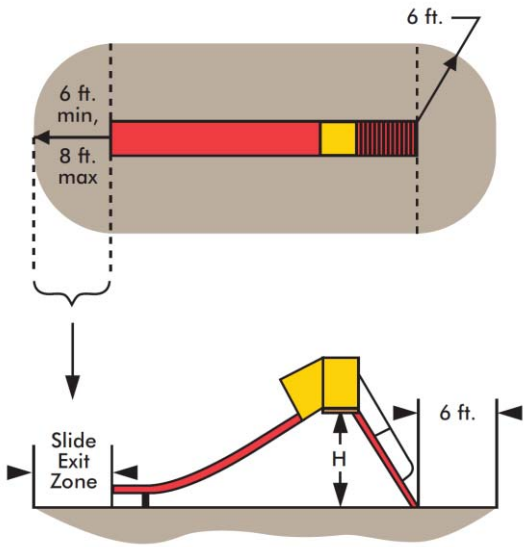
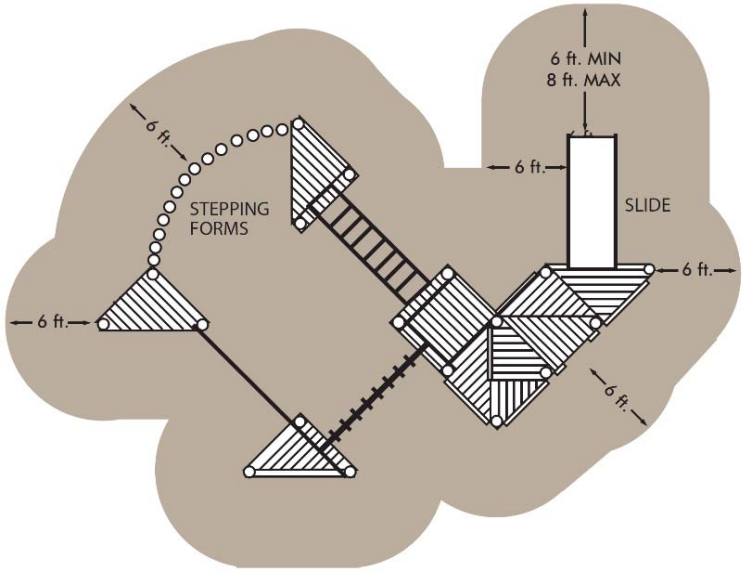
Playground Surfacing and Fall Zones

These examples provide further guidance on fall zones and playground surfacing requirements.

Sample Fall Zone for Slides



Sample Fall Zone for Multi-Use Structures



Minimum Compressed Loose-Fill Surfacing Depths		
Inches of Compressed Fill	**Type of Material**	**Protects up to a Fall Height of:**
6* Inches	Shredded/recycled rubber	10 Feet
9 Inches	Sand	4 Feet
9 Inches	Pea Gravel	5 Feet
9 Inches	Wood Mulch	7 Feet
9 Inches	Wood Chips	10 Feet
* Shredded/recycled rubber loose-fill surfacing does not compress in the same manner as other loose-fill materials. However, care should be taken to maintain constant depth as displacement may still occur.		

Source: Public Playground Safety Handbook. Bethesda, MD:U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 2010. Print.

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