

Community Corner

Children at Play Sign

What is the "Children at Play" Sign?

The "Children at Play" sign is a sign municipalities may put up to indicate children are in the area and drivers should be alert.



Why wont my municipality put one up?

Children at Play signs were originally intended for use in rural areas. Excessive use of this sign causes drivers to develop an insensitivity to the sign's intended goal.



Why can't every road have a "Children at Play" sign?

Use of the **CHILDREN AT PLAY** sign should be limited to locations where, because of unusual conditions, motorists might not expect children to be playing in the vicinity of the roadway. The **CHILDREN AT PLAY** sign should not be used on roads or streets where obvious residential development alerts drivers to the possibility of children at play.

What should I do?



Instead of a sign, try placing a lightweight piece of play equipment by the road while children are outside playing. Do not place something that could cause damage if it is hit by a passing car! Be sure to remove it once the kids are done playing. If left out 24/7 the warning "sign" becomes less effective.

Children at Play signs should only be used when there is a need to do so. They should **NOT** be used for political reasons, or to appease vocal residents.