

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 1994 and Melcourt Play Products

- The Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 1994 Act, has firmly placed the onus on project designers to foresee, design out or reduce, potential hazards 'on site'.
- With this in mind and to assist project designers, we have had five of our loose impact absorbing surfaces, (Melcourt Playbark® 10/50, Melcourt Playbark® 8/25, Melcourt Playchips®, Melcourt Kushyfall® and Melcourt Sofffall), independently fire tested in accordance with the requirements of British Standard 4790:1987.
- In all cases, each Melcourt product tested was classified as having a "low radius of the effects of ignition".
- To our knowledge Melcourt Loose Impact Absorbing Surfaces (LIAS) are unique in having been fire tested in accordance with British Standard 4790:1987.
- Potential fire hazards on play areas could be increased by approving the wrong type and specification of LIAS, particularly those containing a high wood, dust and fine content, or coming from an unknown source.
- Typical potential fire hazard examples include playgrounds with a previous history or a likelihood of vandalism, areas adjacent to pedestrian walkways and footpaths.
- By nominating any Melcourt LIAS product, landscape architects and designers can practically demonstrate that they are reducing 'on site' hazards.
- If you decide to specify a Melcourt product, but then add 'or similar approved', please be fully aware that any other product from another manufacturer is highly unlikely to have been fire tested, in accordance with British Standard 4790:1987.



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