



GUIDELINES FOR SAFE USE OF ACTION ROOM

From Fun and Function

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1. Disclaimers:

❖ Please review the warnings and user guidelines for any Fun and Function product on our website at <https://funandfunction.com/> before using this product, or any other product purchased, as additional information pertaining to safety, supervision and small parts may have been added after the publication of this document. These guidelines primarily focus on safety information pertaining to the Action Room. If you are purchasing another product, please review the website or catalog for product safety information.

- 1.1. In order to reduce the risk of serious injury or death, you must read and follow these safety guidelines.
- 1.2. Keep and refer to these guidelines often and share these with any future owner of this *Action Room* system.
- 1.3. The distributor's contact information is **Fun and Function LLC**, 304 Old Lancaster Road, Merion Station PA 19066. Tel. 800.231.6329 and Fax 866.343.6863
- 1.4. Read all guidelines before installation, and pay close attention to all the safety information.
- 1.5. Before you begin to construct the *Action Room*, please separate and identify all the parts you'll need, and make sure none of the screws and bolts are missing. **Fun and Function** highly recommends the use of one of our professional installers.
- 1.6. The *Action Room* is for Ages 3-12.



- 1.7. Parental supervision in the form of a permission slip is highly recommended before children use the equipment.
- 1.8. Proper training is highly recommended before staff or children begin using the *Action Room*. Please note that **Fun and Function** provides this training, and you may contact us in order to arrange instructional sessions. We highly advise that all operating staff should attend training sessions at least once a year.
- 1.9. If you opt to install the *Action Room* without professional help, it must be done by an adult, with assistance from at least one additional adult.
- 1.10. The client assumes liability and responsibility for proper supervision and use of the *Action Room*.
- 1.11. The space for the *Action Room* must be assessed by the client prior to installation to ensure electrical and fire safety, including proper clearance of lights, tubes, sprinklers, etc.
- 1.12. The *Action Room* must be installed in a child-safe designated area. The surrounding walls must be clear of dangerous objects, such as exposed wires or sharp objects protruding from the wall, floor or ceiling. The floor must be dry and clean, clear of any type of fluids or dangerous objects. Please refer to section 9 to learn about the surfacing requirements for this product.
- 1.13. We recommend that the room is well ventilated at all times, with proper heating or cooling when needed.
- 1.14. Adult supervision is required at all times when the *Action Room* is in use. Every child using *The Action Room* must know and understand that there is a responsible adult watching them and ready to assist when needed.
- 1.15. The instructor/operator must remain alert at all times, have a clear view of the *Action Room*, and be ready to assist any child in need.
- 1.16. Before a child begins to use the *Action Room*, the supervisor must inform the child regarding the safety guidelines, and specify what is allowed and what is prohibited in the surrounding environment.

2. Child's health

- 2.1. A physician's approval is highly recommended before children with medical or health conditions use the equipment.
- 2.2. Children prone to seizures absolutely need medical clearance before using the equipment, especially regarding the swings or rotating equipment.



- 2.3. Always make sure that there is fresh drinking water available near the *Action Room's* location, i.e. a water fountain, a water cooler, bottled water, etc. Please make sure each child takes breaks to drink water, even on days when it isn't hot.
- 2.4. Always make sure there's a fully equipped first aid kit in the vicinity of the *Action Room*, in case of any unexpected emergencies.

3. Maintenance

- 3.1. **Before installation:** proper inspection must be done by the operator to make sure that there are no wires, electrical equipment, tubes, sprinklers, etc. in the way of the equipment and/or in its surroundings.
- 3.2. **Before each use, monthly and annual inspection and maintenance of the equipment is required:**
 - Plastic parts: Check for cracks in the plastic, or worn out plastic pieces.
 - Metal parts: check for rust and corrosion. If found, sand and repaint using a non-lead paint complying with 16 CFR 1303. Inspect and tighten all hardware.

4. Action Unit:

- 4.1. **One child** at a time per swing. Failure to comply may result in swing breakage and serious injuries.
- 4.2. Maintain a distance/clearance of 6 feet from any structure or swing, to avoid potential injuries.
- 4.3. A child may not jump off a swing while in motion.
- 4.4. The swing's chains may not be played with at any time (i.e. braiding the chains together, looping the swing over the support bar above, etc. are prohibited).
- 4.5. The operator must ensure that there are no children in front or behind the swing set while it is in use.

5. Slides

- 5.1. **One child** at a time may slide down the slide. The next child in line must wait until the previous child cleared the slide.



- 5.2. The child may only use the slide while sitting or lying with his/her feet facing downwards. It is prohibited for the child to slide in any other manner, such as sliding backwards, on his/her stomach, etc.
- 5.3. A child may not climb up the slide at any time.

6. The Ball Pit

- 6.1. The ball pit, which is built-in to the Action Room system, can hold up to 3 children at a time. (Note: The self-standing Air-Lite Ball Pit, sold separately, can hold up to 6 children)
- 6.2. Children may not remove balls from the pit, and may not throw the balls at each other.
- 6.3. The instructor/operator must know how many children are present in the ball pit, and make sure that no child is left behind when the session is over (for example, a child who may have fallen asleep).

7. Hazards

- 7.1. The *Action Room* is for private use only, and not for unsupervised public use. As stated in section 1, a responsible adult must be present at all times when the *Action Room* is in use, and/or while there are children in the surrounding areas.
- 7.2. **Collision Hazard:** Place play-set on flat and leveled ground at least 6 feet from any obstruction such as a garage or house, fences, walls, poles, trees, sidewalks, walls, landscape timbers, rocks, pavement, overhanging branches, laundry lines, and electrical wires.
- 7.3. **Choking Hazard prior to assembly:** The *Action Room* contains small parts for assembly. DO NOT allow children less than 5 years of age near or around loose nuts, screws, plastic bags and other small parts that are a choking hazard if placed in mouth. As stated in section 3, make sure that there are no loose nuts, screws or small parts in the product that a child can pull out or place in mouth.
- 7.4. **Strangulation Hazard**
 - The *Action Room* includes multiple ropes, strings and nets that could be a strangulation hazard. NEVER allow children to play with any of the above for a different or unintended use.
 - Do not allow children to use the *Action Room* while wearing any type of garment that might get stuck and cause injuries, strangulation and perhaps even death. These include



items such as hoodies, scarves, ties, necklaces, chains, loose bracelets, long shoe laces, etc.

- Do not allow children to wear bike or sport helmets which aren't intended to be used with products similar to those in the *Action Room*. Failure to prohibit these items might increase the risk of serious injury and death to children from entanglement and strangulation.

- **Tip over Hazard:** DO NOT allow children to play in the *Action Room* until the assembly is complete and the unit is properly installed. While the *Action Room* is in use, children may not play on it wildly or violently, nor shake equipment, nor jump off to the ground.

8. When the Action Room System is installed outdoors:

8.1. We strongly recommend that the installation is done in a well-shaded area.

8.2. Make sure to inspect the *Action Room System* every day for dirt, pebbles, bird droppings, sharp branches, etc.

8.3. On sunny and hot days, check the slide and other plastic or metal components to ensure that they are not hot or may cause burns.

8.4. *The Action Room System* should only be used during comfortable weather for playing outdoors.

8.5. *The Action Room System* should not be used outdoors if not covered and protected from rain, snow, hail, sand storms, or other natural elements. After every storm and before use, inspect the *Action Room System* for puddles, mud and debris that may have accumulated on and around the area.

8.6. In regions with harsh or cold climates, it is suggested that the *Action Room System* is stored inside or relocated indoors during that rough season, in order to avoid potential damage and corrosion due to the natural elements.

9. Surfacing

9.1. **Protective Surfacing:** When the *Action Room* is used, shock-absorbent protective mats are required. Mats should extend 6 feet outward beyond the edges of the equipment on all sides. According to the “ASTM F1292- Standard Specification for Impact Attenuation of Surfacing Materials within the Use Zone of Playground Equipment,” the thickness of the mats should be determined according to the height of the deck. Please make sure to purchase mats that are sufficiently protective based on the fall height of the unit.



9.2. **Pre-manufactured Rubber tiles:** You may be interested in using surfacing other than loose-fill materials, such as rubber tiles or poured-in-place surfaces.

- Installations of these surfaces generally require a professional and are not “do-it yourself” projects.
- Review surface specifications before purchasing this type of surfacing. Ask the installer/manufacturer for a report showing that the product has been tested to the following safety standard: “ASTM F1292 Standard Specification for Impact Attenuation of Surfacing Materials within the Use Zone of Playground Equipment.”

9.3. **Placement of Surfacing**

- Extend surfacing at least 6 feet from the equipment in all directions.
- There should be no gaps between the different parts of the surfacing, to protect children from tripping between the gaps.

9.4. **Maintenance of the surfacing.** Mats should be disinfected and wiped clean on a monthly basis. It is recommended that children remove their shoes before using the Action Room. Other flooring should be inspected for wear and tear and replaced when showing signs of thinning or breakage.

10. Use Zone and Fall Height (CPSC Guidelines)

10.1. When playground equipment is linked together, the use zone should extend a minimum of 6 feet in all directions from perimeter.

10.2. When slides are attached to a platform higher than 6 feet from the protective surfacing, the use zone may need to extend further in front of the slide.

10.3. The use zones of two adjacent but stationary pieces of play equipment may overlap if the adjacent designated play surfaces of each structure are no more than 30 inches above the protective surface and the equipment is at least 6 feet apart.

10.4. If the adjacent designated play surfaces on either structure exceed a height of 30 inches, the minimum distance between the structures should be 9 feet.

10.5. Use zones should be free of obstacles.

10.6. The fall height of a piece of playground equipment is the distance between the highest designated playing surface and the protective surface beneath it.