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# PLAYGROUND WATCH



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58% of parents believe that organizing a neighborhood supervision group would be very helpful in increasing the time or space for outdoor play in their communities.

**Take  
action**

By visiting [www.kaboom.org/playspacefinder](http://www.kaboom.org/playspacefinder), you and your playground watch group can become fans of your playground, and use that page to exchange information online about the park and your schedule.

## INSTRUCTIONS:

**Number of Participants:**  
10 parents

**Materials:**  
Calendar & Pen

### Description:

A Playground Watch is a great way to give the kids in your neighborhood more time and opportunities to play. By creating a playground watch schedule together with other local parents, you can ensure the kids in your community enjoy a safe and fun play experience at the local playground.

### Steps:

Create a blank schedule with room for parents to sign up for certain days. You can either create a new schedule each month together, or let people sign up for "every Friday at 6" and switch with someone if they can't make it one Friday.

Collect phone numbers for each parent participating, so that you can easily contact each other to switch shifts, or to notify of any problems at the playground.

Connect with local law enforcement and your Department of Parks and Recreation to let them know what you're doing. They may be able to help!

If possible, come up with a recognizable shirt or hat you all can wear so that kids and other parents know who to go to with questions. Monitor the area while you're there, and watch for any safety concerns.

Talk to new parents in the neighborhood who visit the playground with their kids, and get them involved. You can also advertise the watch schedule on your neighborhood email list, or community bulletin board, so parents and kids know when the playground will have a parent there.

