

## **SPACES4PLAY: INSTRUCTIONS FOR MIRROR PADS AND SOFT PLAY WITH MIRRORS**

Please retain these instructions for future reference: Guaranteed for use in normal circumstances (excluding scratching) (indoors) (subject to certain limitations as described below) for 12 months from date of purchase.

ALL PLAY EQUIPMENT WITH MIRRORS IS SUITABLE FOR USE WITH CHILDREN OF 2 OR 3 YEARS AND UNDER, PLUS OLDER CHILDREN IN SPECIAL NEEDS SETTINGS AND, IN CLOSELY SUPERVISED GROUPS OF 2 OR 3, CHILDREN 3 TO 5 YEARS OLD. PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL SOFT PLAY PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN MIRRORS ARE DESIGNED ONLY TO BE USED FLAT.

YOUR GUARANTEE DOES NOT COVER THE FOLLOWING TYPE OF DAMAGE WHICH RESULTS IN TEARS OR SPLITS WHICH MAY APPEAR AFTER REPETITIVE BENDING OR CRUSHING. ANY BENDING OF MIRRORS CAN CAUSE DAMAGE, REPETITIVE BENDING MAY ALSO CAUSE THE PLASTIC TO FATIGUE AND TEAR. SOFT PLAY WITH MIRRORS SHOULD NOT BE CRUSHED OR BENT.

**SOFT PLAY WITH MIRRORS IS ONLY SUITABLE FOR USE WHEN SUPERVISED BY A QUALIFIED PLAY INSTRUCTOR, THERAPIST OR TEACHER. SOFT PLAY WITH MIRRORS IS NOT SUITABLE FOR UNSUPERVISED PLAY.**

**SOFT PLAY WITH MIRRORS IS NOT SUITABLE FOR PLAY AREAS, ESPECIALLY PUBLIC PLAY AREAS AND PLAYGROUNDS, WHERE PLAY IS NOT CLOSELY SUPERVISED. UNSUPERVISED USE MAY LEAD TO REPEATED BENDING AND CRUSHING OF THE MIRROR. OUR GUIDENCE AND RECOMMENDATION IS THAT SOFT PLAY WITH MIRRORS IS GREAT WHEN:-**

- USED FLAT AND WITH CHILDREN UNDER 2 YEARS
- THAT TO AVOID DAMAGE BY OLDER CHILDREN'S PLAY YOU USE IT WITH SMALL GROUPS IN SUPERVISED PLAY.
- WITH ANY AGE GROUP WE DO NOT RECOMMEND IT FOR USE IN JUMPING GAMES OR FOR ENERGETIC PLAY.

**Why choose our mirrors?** Safety first. Plastic mirrors can be used very successfully with children and in childcare settings. The use of plastics means that mirrors can be incorporated more and more imaginatively into leaning through play. The type of mirrorised plastic we specify for use in our products was selected for its all round performance: - optical quality, non shatter resistance to impact, ease of cleaning and light weight. The light weight means play equipment with mirrors in won't injure if they are dropped or fallen on. The slim profile non protruding profile means no sharp edges and it means we can sew on protective frames and add padding. **HOW RESISTANT TO DAMAGE ARE PLASTIC MIRRORS?** The principle reason for specifying our plastic mirrors is for reasons of safety, their complete resistance to breaking if dropped on their edge and their resistance to shattering if hit, **but what about bending and crushing?** Our mirrors are flexible and it is great fun to flex mirrors to see the distortions in the reflection **but you should only use our mirrors flat.** They should not be bent or folded double and/or crushed because all this type of mis-use can permanently damage the mirror. Over bending will at least put a permanent fold mark in the mirror and if a mirror is repeatedly or constantly subjected to severe over bending and flexing the plastic will tear due to fatigue. It is important to watch out for this when selecting the play equipment suitable for a particular child and when supervising and designing your play activities. YOU SHOULD ALWAYS INSPECT EQUIPMENT BEFORE EACH PLAY SESSION. **Scratching:** Children are robust in play. There is a trade off between optical quality and safety. The best optical quality and scratch resistance is from glass but you are selecting a mirror for safety reasons... our plastic mirrors have a good optical quality but will scratch in use. This is mitigated by the way children interact with mirrors and get much closer to them than adults, very close up scratches are less evident in a reflection.

You will have to regularly replace plastic mirrors that are subjected to constant heavy use.

**OUTDOOR USE:** Soft play CAN BECOME SLIPPERY WHEN WET. Soft play should only be used on safe surfaces and should never be left out in the rain or stored outdoors. The product is outdoor resistant but is not weather proof. Plastic mirrors may warp in extremely hot temperatures will become stiffer in cold temperatures. **SAFETY FIRST! RESPONSIBLE NOTE ON HAZARDS POSED BY FROM REFLECTED LIGHT:** We would like to remind you that strong light reflected on polished/mirrored surfaces can dazzle and damage eyes, in certain circumstances it can also provide an ignition source, burning skin or combustible materials, for this reason, among others, we limit our recommendations on the use of mirrors outdoors and ask you to conduct a risk analysis of the uses you will put the mirrors to and so protect children and premises. MIRRORS USED OUTSIDE MAY DAZZLE AND SO CAUSE A HAZARD.

**Care and cleaning of your mirror:** do not use "Windolene" or ammonia based cleaners. Do not use abrasive cleaners under any circumstances. Best cleaning results from clean soapy water, thoroughly dried and then a shine with household furniture polish.