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SUBJ: ALSAFECOM 0396 - REMOVAL OF 'ANIMAL' SWINGS ON PLAYGROUND
EQUIPMENT

1. A RECENT SUGGESTION FROM F.E. WARREN AFB, WY, IDENTIFIED AN
EXISTING HAZARD ASSOCIATED WITH PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT THAT HAS AIR
FORCE-WIDE INTEREST. THE EQUIPMENT IS IDENTIFIED AS AN 'ANIMAL'
SWING WHICH CAN RESEMBLE HORSES, DUCKS, PELICANS, OR OTHER ANIMALS.
IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT THESE SWINGS, WHICH WERE INSTALLED FROM
1951 TO 1991, WERE INVOLVED NATIONALLY IN TWO DEATHS AND 42 HEAD
INJURIES TO CHILDREN STRUCK BY THESE SWINGS. THE CONSUMER PRODUCT
SAFETY COMMISSION (CPSC) AND THE NATIONAL SCHOOL SUPPLY AND EQUIPMENT
ASSOCIATION (NSSEA) ARE URGING ALL SCHOOLS, DAYCARE CENTERS, AND
PARKS TO IMMEDIATELY REMOVE ALL 'ANIMAL' SWINGS. A GROUP OF SEVEN

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PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS HAVE ALSO LAUNCHED AN EFFORT TO GET THESE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS, HEAVY METAL AND MOLDED PLASTIC 'ANIMAL' SWINGS REMOVED FROM PLAYGROUNDS. THESE COMPANIES WILL OFFER DISCOUNTS IF THEIR SWINGS ARE REMOVED. THEY ARE: 1) BCI BURKE, 1-800-356-2070; 2) BLUE VALLEY INDUSTRIES, (717) 436-8266; 3) GAME TIME, 1-800-377-2561; 4) MIRACLE RECREATION EQUIPMENT, 1-800-523-4202; 5) PCA, 1-800-727-8180; 6) PLAYWORLD SYSTEMS, 1-800-233-8404; AND 7) QUALITY INDUSTRIES, 1-800-766-9458. SINCE SOME OF THESE SWING SETS WERE DISCOVERED AT F.E. WARREN AFB, WY, AND THE ORGANIZATIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR PLAYGROUNDS WERE NOT AWARE OF THE POTENTIAL HAZARDS, IT IS PROBABLE THAT MORE EXIST THROUGHOUT THE AIR FORCE.

2. REQUEST SURVEYS OF ALL AIR FORCE INSTALLATIONS BE CONDUCTED TO IDENTIFY THE PRESENCE OF THESE TYPES OF 'ANIMAL' SWING SETS AND, IF FOUND, TAKE ACTION TO REMOVE THEM IMMEDIATELY. THESE PLAYGROUND SWING SETS MAY BE INSTALLED AT AIR FORCE CHILDCARE AND DAYCARE CENTERS, PARKS, SCHOOLS, HOUSING AREA PLAYGROUNDS, AND AT OTHER LOCATIONS MANAGED BY THE AIR FORCE, SUCH AS OFF-BASE RECREATIONAL AREAS OR CAMPS. REFER TO AFI 91-202, THE U S AIR FORCE MISHAP PREVENTION PROGRAM, PARAGRAPHS 5.2.2. AND 5.2.3. FOR ADDITIONAL

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3. THE HQ AFSC/SEG POC FOR THIS SUBJECT IS MR R. BAIRD, DSN
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