



Supporting the  
**UK Play Industry**

## Planning a new play space or playground? Don't know where to start?

The Association of Play industries (API ) provides practical advice, information and a directory of compliant member companies.

The API is the voice of the play industry and campaigns at the highest levels for investment in play. Its members are the UK's leading play companies and there are clear benefits to choosing a member when specifying a play project. Below there are 8 reasons why you should use an API member:

API ensure companies are reputable, trustworthy and experienced, operate to the highest standards and provides a benchmark of service in play practice and design.

1

Strict Professional Code of Conduct.

Reputable, Trustworthy and Financially Secure.

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Every member is rigorously and continuously monitored for financial stability, credit rating and trading history.

This drives innovation and ensures a level of challenge that keeps children engaged.

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Fun and interesting play spaces with elements of built-in risk.

They provide evidence of recent previous work, case studies and references.

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This demonstrates competence, commitment and credibility and enables you to talk to a third party about a company's service delivery.

This demonstrates compliance with BSEN 1176 and all relevant safety standards.

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Third party test certificates for all products used.

They provide added value to any play project.

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For example carrying out stakeholder consultations, independent post-installation inspections and maintenance services.

API member companies recognise the importance of safety and provide expert advice on maintenance, repairs and inspection. They commission Post-Installation Inspections to ensure the safe operation of new play areas, undertaken by an inspector from the Register of Play Inspectors International (RPII).

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Recognise the importance of safety.

Independent Technical Mediation.

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The API actively encourages customer feedback on member projects and offers a FREE mediation service for members and their customers to resolve any technical disputes. Buyers and members benefit from the API's Technical mediation service in the event of a dispute with an API member supplier.

