

## 6.21. Playgrounds

Playgrounds that offer a variety of different types of play options (visual, auditory and tactile) should be provided. A playground is considered accessible when it fulfils the following conditions:

1. It meets the basic requirements relating to accessibility of fixed accessible urban furniture.
2. Playground surfaces shall consist of rubber or compacted sand.
3. The surface of the children play area shall be smooth & firm and free from any sharp objects, projections etc., in order to avoid injury to the children.
4. All children regardless their functional limitations, and according to the age group for which the playground is intended, shall enjoy and use, at least, 50% of individual and group expected activities.
5. All materials exposed to sun radiation shall not reach temperatures that may damage the users.
6. Materials used to design children's games; especially the sliding ones, shall not contain plastics or metals that produce electrostatic discharges that may deprogram hearing aids. In any case, the existing playgrounds that produce this effect must be marked with a symbol like the ISO with explanatory text or the ANSI DANGER Strong Magnetic Field.



Figure 90. Example of ISO and ANSI magnetic warning signs