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It is important to see how the kids play than what is stated in the standard. Photo: Titti Olsson

What is a risky and dangerous? What is safe? Peter Kells, an expert in the Canadian

lekutrustningsbranschen, believes that one must look at how the play equipment is used and not just on what the standard says. Children rarely use the playground equipment in the way that adults imagined. Therefore, one should manage risk in playgrounds this fact, he says, while one should assume that the child's desire to challenge themselves can not be done without risk.

Those who work with children's outdoor environments generally accepts the standards and rules and question them rarely. Rather, they want to be sure that they eliminate all possible risks and "do right" so they have back free if something happens. Too one-sided focus on avoiding any kind of risk, however, go out of children's play facilities, says Peter Kell.

Hazardous and non-hazardous

Peter Kells reasoning involves everyone working in the field need to be aware of how they use words and learn to distinguish between "safe" and "dangerous" risks. Are there degrees of risk is acceptable? Where does so, the border? Peter Kells uses a scale with four levels:

Level 1: life-threatening danger or permanent disability. **Tier 2:** Risk of serious but non-debilitating injury. **Level 3:** may cause minor damage. **stage 4** small - no risk of damage.

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