



## Rob Wheway

Involved professionally in children's play since 1971, Rob Wheway has been a children's play consultant for the last fifteen years during which time he has been closely associated with Child Accident Prevention Trust.

He has a string of published reports and other publications and articles to his name, including being co-author of *Can Play Will Play – disabled children and access to outdoor playgrounds*, published in 2004.

Rob specialises in operational and strategic management consultancy for local authorities and commercial sector play managers and providers. He carries out play value and safety audits of both indoor and outdoor play facilities.

He has tutored and co-ordinated training days and seminars on various aspects of children's play and is regularly invited to give papers at national and international conferences.

Rob Wheway holds an MSc in public service management, an MEd in community education and is a member of the Institute of Leisure and Amenity Management. He also holds a certificate in play work and a basic certificate in youth work, and is a member of the Register of Play Inspectors International (RPII), by examination.

## Child Accident Prevention Trust

Established in 1979, Child Accident Prevention Trust is the UK's only children's charity specialising in accident prevention. Our focus is on reducing death, disability and serious injury without compromising children's needs to enjoy active, healthy lifestyles.

The Trust has a national and international reputation as a source of expertise and works to achieve a reduction in serious childhood accidents through publicity campaigns, the provision of advice and information to both professionals and parents, training for health practitioners and others, work with central government and standards-making bodies and through consultancy services.

We organise Child Safety Week annually in the last full week of June as a focus for local awareness-raising of child safety issues. Why not use the Week to highlight to your local media and residents the improvements you have made to safe play provision in your area. Go to [www.capt.org.uk/csweek/](http://www.capt.org.uk/csweek/)



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# Exciting, safe playgrounds getting the balance right

quality, cost-effective solutions to help you  
manage your children's playgrounds

# Managing your playground inspections

## Do any of these dilemmas apply to you?

- ✎ you feel obliged to have routine inspection forms that create masses of paperwork and confuse rather than clarify
- ✎ inspection schedules which mean that your staff rush between sites with not enough time to remove broken glass
- ✎ annual inspections that suggest budget is spent meeting EN 1176 for little reduction in risk
- ✎ annual reports that imply negligence in minor matters when the remedies are not “reasonably practicable” (Health and Safety at Work Act)
- ✎ systems that are not working for you in terms of minimising errors, achieving continuous improvement and providing Best Value
- ✎ you feel pressured to spend money on equipment or playgrounds that are poorly used.

## We can help you solve these

Leading specialist children’s charity, Child Accident Prevention Trust, has secured the services of Rob Wheway, one of the country’s most respected play experts, to offer an unrivalled consultancy service to address your needs and frustrations.

Our quality service is based on expertise applied with common sense and can be tailored to your individual requirements. As such, we will help you to get value for money from:

- ✎ minimising red-tape
- ✎ improving efficiency
- ✎ correctly identifying real risks to safety
- ✎ introducing more effective safety systems
- ✎ avoiding false impressions of negligence
- ✎ releasing funds to spend where it counts.

## Annual inspections that work for you

Because we know that there’s more to your responsibilities than maintaining the status quo we also offer expertise in the following areas:

- ✎ maximising play value for children in your local authority
- ✎ accessibility for all – meeting the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act
- ✎ preparing formal risk assessments
- ✎ identifying reasons why playgrounds are vulnerable to vandalism and suggesting solutions.

## What will it cost?

Costs vary according to the brief. However, our service is based on quality with a common-sense approach which we strongly believe will bring you immediate and longer-term financial savings.

# Consultancy services

**In addition to playground inspections, we can make your life easier by offering a whole range of consultancy support to help you deliver exciting and safe play for children in your area.**

**Each of our services is based on our philosophy of helping you to achieve exciting play opportunities and Best Value, without compromising safety.**

## Consultancy

Whether it is a detailed area-wide play strategy or an analysis of operational management, the consultancy we can offer you will be both cost-effective and reflect your key priorities, achieving safer playgrounds and more robust safety systems while also reducing the number of daily inspections by prioritising on the basis of risk.

## Training/seminars

Every play manager could benefit from our courses on key issues including managing playgrounds, playground inspections, accessibility (including DDA), risk assessment, Standards. We offer in-house or delegate-based training and can organise customised training to meet other needs.

## Local consultation

We pay more than lip service to public consultation on issues such as refurbishment of existing play facilities or siting of new playgrounds. We aim to maximise local adult and child participation through imaginative

events that achieve meaningful, representative feedback and ensure the right decisions are made about play provision.

## Playground inspections

Our independent annual inspections/ audits, risk assessments, DDA assessments and post installation inspections are tailored to your specific needs. We enable you to balance excitement and challenge with robust safety procedures. Our reports are tools you can use to increase play value and reduce costs.

## Legal

We offer authoritative post-accident investigation and Rob Wheway is recognised as an experienced expert witness.

## Indoor-play inspections

We can provide the same high standard of indoor play site inspections and audits as for outdoor playgrounds.