



Multi Use Games Areas – Importance of buying an EN15312 certified system

- For MUGAs – Multi Use Games Areas standard was published in 2007. Called EN 15312 Free Access multi-sports equipment requirements, including safety and test methods.
- Examples of its scope include the basketball ring strength, impact testing of the surrounds, entrapment checks and the strength of the play structure.
- The European Safety Standard for Free Access Neighbourhood Sports Facilities, commonly known as Multi Use Games Area's (MUGA's) has now been passed and coded EN15312.
- Multi-sports facilities are becoming evermore popular and with the new European Standard now in place, this ensures that they are as safe as possible for users, predominantly children and teenagers.
- EN15312 is extremely important as it insists that a wide range of factors in the design, manufacture and installation of these facilities is rigorously checked. For example the structural integrity of the walls of the product against footballs and kicks is tested intensely. Potential hazards are also checked for example all welds must be smooth and threaded studs must be covered.

Tendering and Specification

- Multi Use Games Areas should be ordered to meet the requirements of EN15312, make sure before purchasing a MUGA that it is certified to EN15312 and ask to see a copy of the EN15312 certification.