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## Playground Injuries

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 6 October 2022. You requested the following information:

Between the dates of 1 January 2022 and 1 October 2022:

- All recorded injuries at playgrounds managed by the Wellington City Council, broken down by suburb or specific playground
- The nature of each injury recorded at Wellington City Council playgrounds, broken down by age group and location
- Any playgrounds which have closed between 1 January 2022 and 1 October 2022, broken down by justification

Wellington City Council has partly granted your request for information.

On investigation I can confirm there have been a total of 5 recorded injuries occurring in Wellington City Council managed playgrounds from the dates requested above. The table below provides a breakdown of these 5 incidents:

Incident location	Suburb	Age of those injured	Nature of injury
The Crescent play area	Roseneath	4 years old	Spiral fracture to right lower leg while sliding down slide
Pirie Street Playground	Roseneath	No age given	Tripped over loose temporary fencing and fell, hurting back and grazing hands and knees
Nairnville Park	Khandallah	No age given	Burnt left hip while going down slide
Pukehuia Playground	Newlands	No age given	Fell on bolts at base of basketball hoop which resulted in a cut on leg
Carrara Park	Newtown	Toddler (no specific age given)	Burns on hands and forearms from metal inclusive carousel

Please note, the data we hold only confirms the age of a child injured at the Crescent play area, this information is provided from members of the public when reporting these incidents to us. We are therefore refusing this part of your request under section 17(g) of the LGOIMA because the requested information does not exist. However, our records do indicate the injury sustained to a child at Carrara Park was to a toddler, as confirmed in the above table.

In response to your final question regarding any playgrounds which have closed between 1 January 2022 and 1 October 2022, I can confirm no playgrounds were closed during these dates in relation to the injuries listed above.

However, the following play areas were temporarily closed during these dates to allow for construction relating to our Capital Renewal Program:

- Shorland Park Play Area, Island Bay
- Pirie St Play Area, Mt Vic
- Wadestown Play Area
- Waipapa Play Area, Hataitai
- Chelsea Street Play Area, Miramar
- Harrison Street Play Area, Brooklyn
- Newtown Park Play Area
- Ōwhiro Bay Play Area
- Helston Park Play Area, Paparangi
- Breaker Bay Play Area

#### **Right of review**

If you are not satisfied with the Council's response, you may request the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate the Council's decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please note, we may proactively release our response to your request with your personal information removed.

Thank you again for your request, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

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**Official Information**