



SOLVING NEIGHBOURHOOD PROBLEMS

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Play is important to children and often in strata communities there is insufficient space or resources allocated for them.

Indeed, recent studies show that young families with children are a rapidly growing sector of occupants of strata titled property.

Children can create problems for neighbours when playing in common areas such as stairwells and car parks with noise and the possibility of accidents a source of tension between residents.

By-laws in some states provide that children must not play on common property or inside the building unless supervised by an adult, although such by-laws, even if prescribed by state government, probably breach Commonwealth laws about discrimination.

It is best if committees can define suitable play areas for children and provide appropriate resources.

Communities have a particular duty of care towards children. Swimming pools and other dangerous areas require special attention to avoid liability.

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