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Honeysuckle Playhouse



WARNING: Only for domestic use Not suitable for children under 36 months due to small parts and danger of falling from heights. To be used under direct supervision of an adult



BEFORE YOU START PLEASE THE READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

- Check the pack and make sure you have all the parts listed in the parts list provided.
- When you are ready to start, make sure you have the right tools at hand (not supplied) including a Phillips screwdriver, Flathead screwdriver, Stanley knife, Wood saw, Step ladder, Hammer, Spirit level and a Drill with 2mm bit.
- Ensure there is plenty of space and a clean dry area for assembly.
- Ensure you have enough time to build the product to ensure the building is water tight.

TIMBER

As with all natural materials, timber can be affected during various weather conditions. For the duration of heavy or extended periods of rain, swelling of the wood panels may occur. Warping of the wood may also occur during excessive dry spells due natural processes. Unfortunately, these processes cannot be avoided but can be helped. It is suggested that the outdoor building is sprayed with water during extended periods of hot weather and sheltered as much as possible during rain or snow.

Our buildings are pre treated with a water based treatment**; this only helps to prevent discolouration whilst in stock. To validate your guarantee and ensure longevity of the product, it is ESSENTIAL the building is treated with a suitable preservative in accordance with the manufacturers recommendations. Care must be taken to ensure the product is placed on a suitable base.

We recommended using a suitable protection for your playhouse. As the product is destined for use by children, a water based treatment that is **EN71 tested** for children is ESSENTIAL.

We also recommend treating the building prior to construction.

POSITIONING YOUR PLAYHOUSE

When thinking about where the building and base is going to be constructed: Ensure that there will be access to all sides for maintenance work and annual treatment.

We recommend a minimum space of 2m around a playhouse, away from any structure or obstructions such as fences, garages, houses, overhanging branches, washing lines or electrical wires.

It is recommended that the position of the Playhouse, Slide and Swing is **not in direct sunlight.**

Activity toys such as swings and slides for towers shall not be installed over concrete, asphalt or any hard surface.

BUILDING A BASE

Ensure the base is level and is built on firm ground, to prevent distortion, checking with a spirit level. Refer to diagrams for the base dimensions. The base should be slightly smaller than the external measurement of the building, i.e. The cladding should overlap the base, creating a run off for water. It is also recommended that the floor be at least 25mm above the surrounding ground level to avoid flooding.

TYPES OF BASE

- Concrete 75mm laid on top of 75mm hard-core.
- Slabs laid on 50mm of sharp sand.
- Wooden base.

WARNING

- ONLY SUITABLE FOR DOMESTIC USE.
- TO BE USED UNDER DIRECT SUPERVISION OF AN ADULT.
- THIS PRODUCT SHOULD NOT BE MODIFIED IN ANY WAY. ANY MODIFICATIONS SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE MANUFACTURER AND CARRIED OUT ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS.
- DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO PLAY WITH ANY COMPONENT PARTS PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY.
- MAX AGE OF 14 YEARS.
- THIS TOY IS FOR OUTDOOR USE ONLY.
- USE A WATER BASED TREATMENT THAT IS EN71 TESTED

CAUTION

Wood is a natural product and can change post manufacture. So despite every effort being made to ensure the material used are cut and machined to a clean and smooth finish, care must be taken when handling the product and preparing for use by your child.

Any areas of concern, in the play areas, can be rubbed over with sandpaper to achieve a smoother finish. Alternatively, call the customer service department who will be happy to arrange replacement panels/parts.



All buildings should be erected by atleast two adults.

DO NOT ALLOW CHILDREN TO ASSIST.



Winter = High Moisture = Expansion Summer = Low Moisture = Contraction



12mm CSK

To prevent damage during assembly, you MUST pilot drill all screw holes and ensure all screw heads are countersunk.



For ease of assembly, you will need a tape measure to check dimensions of components.

Whilst all products manufactured are made to the highest standards of Safety and in the case of childrens products independently tested to EN71, we cannot accept responsibility for your safety whilst erecting this product.

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Your building has been treated with Aquatan.

Aquatan is a water-based concentrate which is diluted with water, the building as been treated by the correct application of Aquatan solution and then allowed to dry.

Aquatan is a decorative finish to colour the wood, which is applied industrially to timber fence panels and garden buildings.

Aquatan undiluted contains: boric acid, sodium hydroxide 32% solution, aqueos mixture of sodium dioctyl sulphosuccinat and alcohols: 2, 4, 6-trichlorophenol.

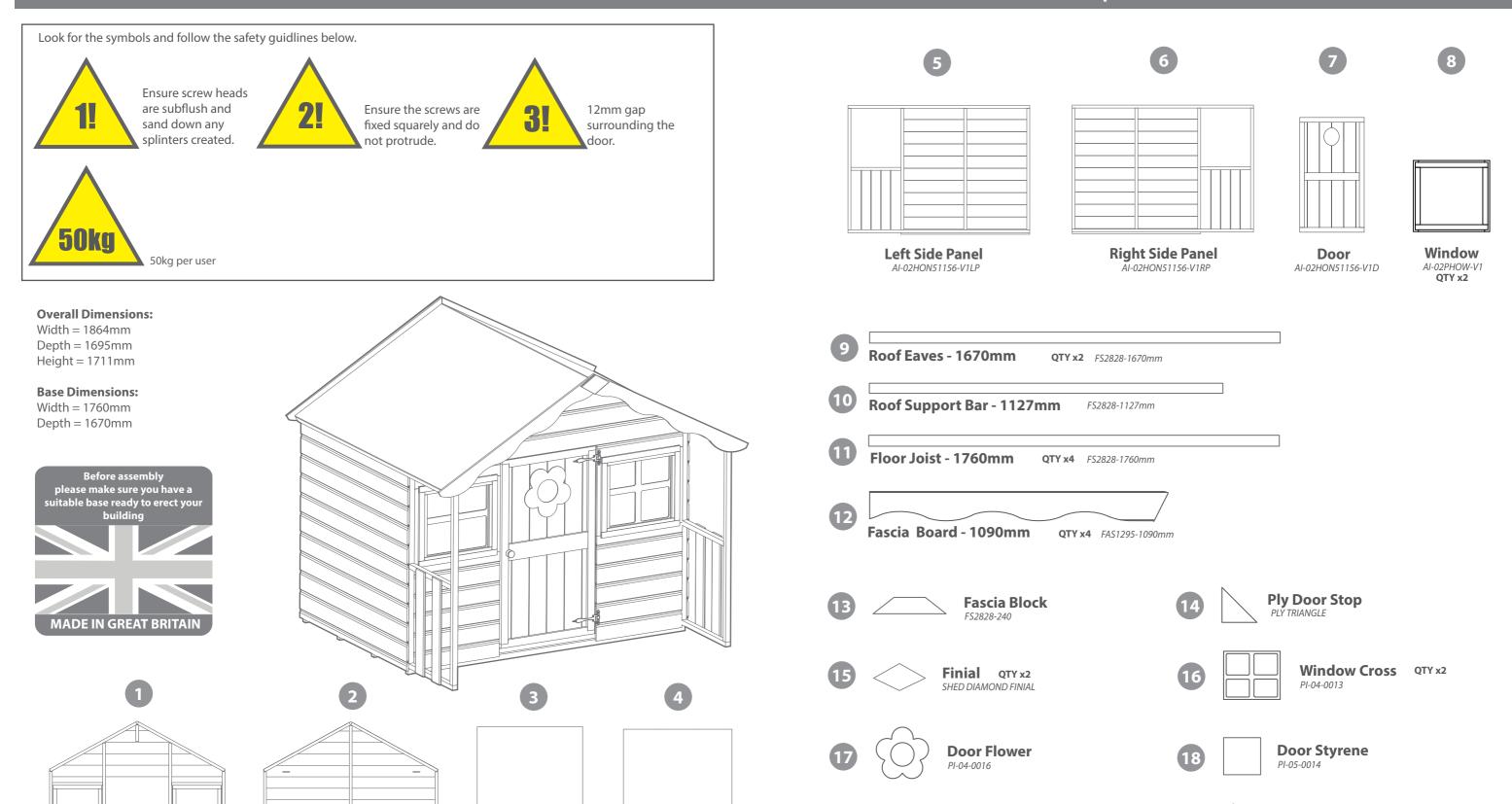
In all instances for assistance with your product, please contact customer care on: 01636 880514 or customerservice@merciagp.co.uk

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Door Gable

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Hinge PI-07-0113

Wooden Door Handle

Window Block QTY x4 PI-07-0011

L Bracket QTY x2

PI-07-0112

Floor Sheet

1760x1165mm

PI-03-0025

Roof OSB

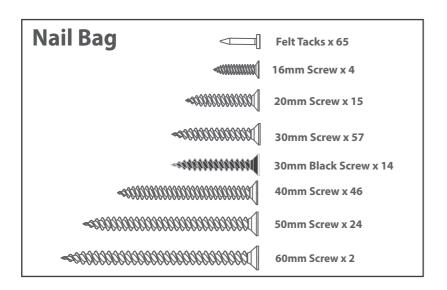
1670x1060mm

PI-03-0018

QTY x2

Plain Gable

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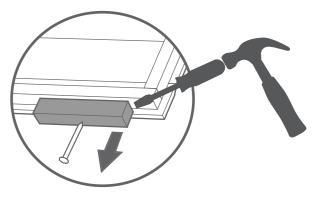


Pre Assembly

Before assembling remove the transportation $\label{eq:constraint} % \[\begin{array}{c} (x,y) & (x,y) \\ (x,y) & (x,y) \\$ blocks from the bottom of each panel.

Take care removing the blocks as to not damage the panels. Tap with a flat headed screwdriver and hammer.

Dispose of the blocks once removed.



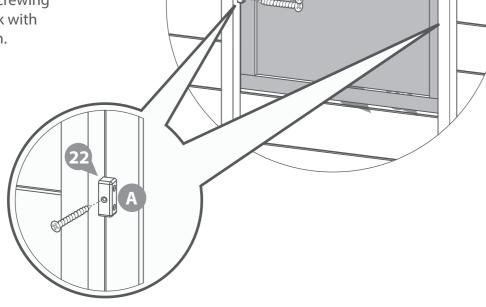
Parts needed - 8 x2 & 22 x4

To fix the Windows into the panels that accomodate a window. Position the Window x2 (No. 8) central into the window opening. Fix the Window Block x8 (No. 22) to the Window central as shown with 1x30mm screw.

Place the Window into the window hole and fix by screwing though the Window Block with 2x30mm screws as shown.

18x30mm screws.





Step 2 Parts needed - 4 & 11 x4





If purchased with a tower please read both sets of instructions before beginning assembly.

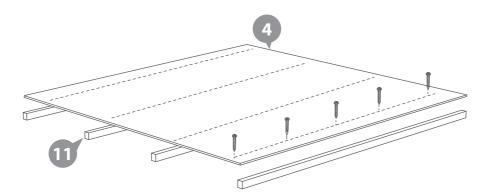
Lay Floor Joists (No. 11) under the Floor Sheet (No. 4) with an even space between each one. Position joists flush on one side of the floor sheet and mark centers of joists onto either end.

Fix using 5 x 30mm screws per joist.

20x30mm screws.







Step 3 Parts needed - 1 & 7 & 21 x2











Lay the Door Gable (No. 1) face up on a flat surface, place the Door (No. 7) within the door aperture. Position the door so that you have a 12mm gap from the door to the door gable on all four sides as shown.

Useful tip: Use a 12mm thick piece of timber from your fixing kit within the gaps to ensure the door does not move.

Once you are happy the door is in the correct position, place a Hinge (No. 21) at the top and bottom of the door, ensuring the screws will go into the framing (in cases where you have been supplied three hinges use the third in the middle of the door). Fix the hinge to the Door and the Door Gable using 7x30mm black screws per hinge.

14x30mm black screws

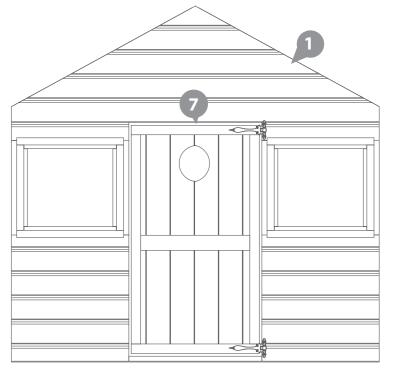


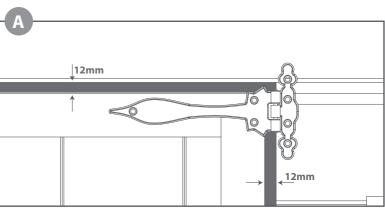


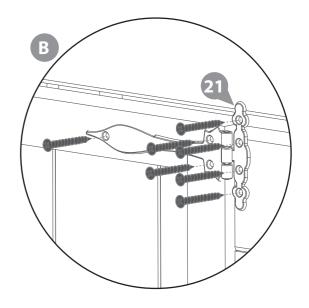












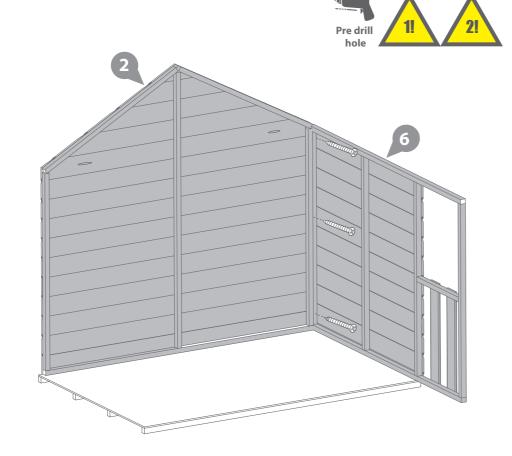
Step 4 Parts needed - 2 & 6

Fix the corner of the Plain Gable (No. 2) to the Right Side Panel (No. 6) with 3x 50mm screws as shown in diagram.

Do not secure the building to the floor until the roof is fitted.

3x50mm screws.



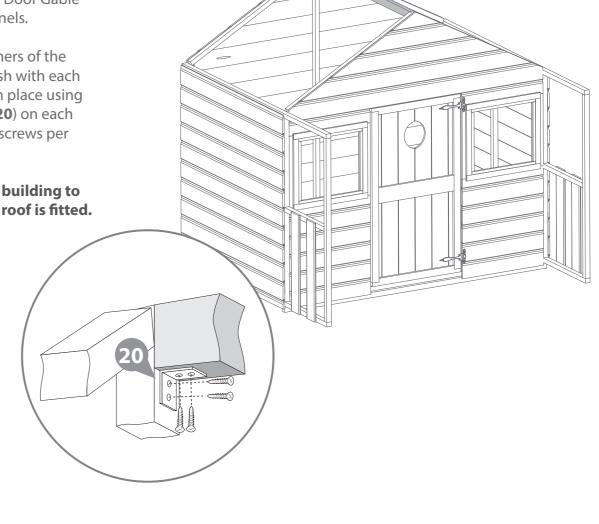


Step 6 Parts needed - 10 & 20 x2 Place the Roof Support bar (No. **10**) in between the Door Gable and Plain Gable panels. Ensure the top corners of the support bar are flush with each top point. Secure in place using the L Bracket (No. 20) on each end with 4x30mm screws per bracket.

Do not secure the building to the floor until the roof is fitted.

8x30mm screws.





Step 5 Parts needed - 1 & 2 & 5 & 6

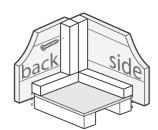
Fix Door Gable (No. 1) to the Right Side Panel (No. 6) and the Left Side Panel (No. 5). Then fix the Left Side Panel to the Plain Gable in the corners using 9x50mm screws.

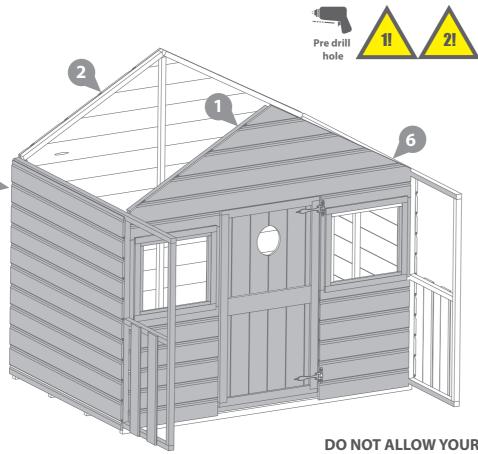
Position the panels so there is equal spacing between the floor and cladding on all four sides.

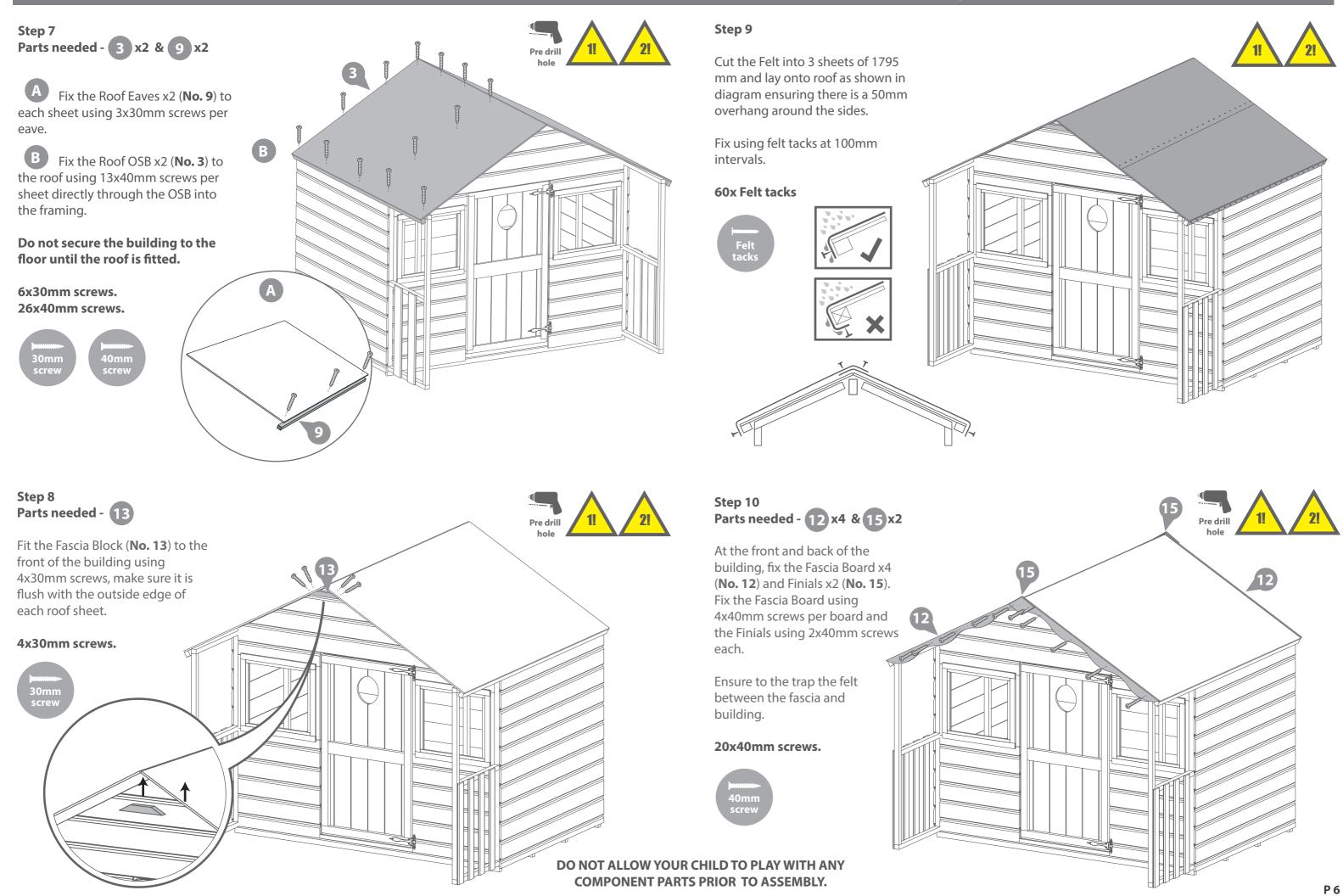
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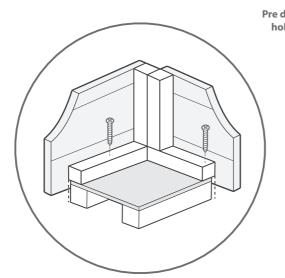


Step 11

once the roof is fitted secure the building to the floor with 12x50mm screws

12x50mm screws.





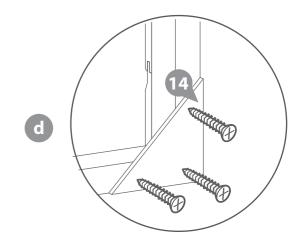


3x20mm screws









Step 12

16 x2 & 17 18 19



Place a Window Cross (No. 16) against the inside of each window. Position the frame centrally to the window and fix using 4x20mm screws per frame.

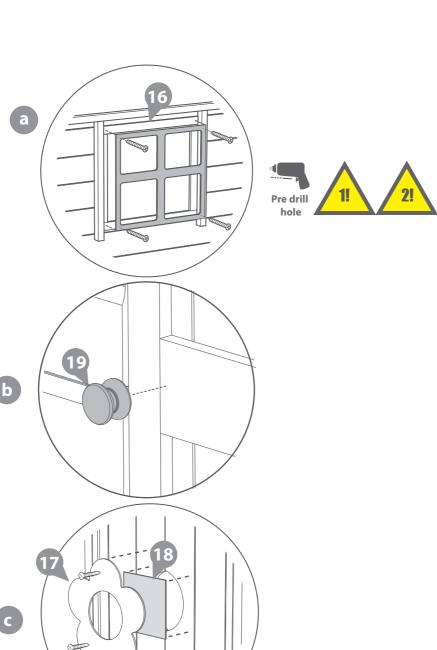
8x20mm screws

Place the Wooden Door Handle (No. 19) on the outside of door and use a 60mm screw from the inside to secure.

1x60mm screws

Sandwich the Door Styrene (No. 18) between the door cut out and Door Flower (No. 17), then fix using 3x16mm screws. Ensure the glazing covers the cut out and the screws do not crack the glazing.

3x16mm screws





Playhouse Maintenance:

It is recommended that the following checks and maintenance are carried out at the beginning of each season as well as at regular intervals during the usage season.

- Check all nuts /bolts/ screws for tightness and tighten when required.
- Check for movement / opening of wood giving rise to protrusion of nail heads and tips.
- Check hinges.
- Replace defective parts in accordance with the manufacturers instructions.
- Check any crossbeams, suspensions and anchors.
- If a swing is included; check the swing seat, chains and ropes.

IF THESE CHECKS ARE NOT CARRIED OUT THE ACTIVITY TOY COULD BECOME A HAZARD