



# SUSTAINABILITY & SAFETY STANDARDS STATEMENT

At Castle and Cubby we are committed to utilising sustainable practices throughout our entire business. We are also passionate about promoting and educating our audience on adopting eco-conscious practices in their own spaces. We are always open to discussion and feedback on how we can improve our business to better serve our customers and our universe.

## TIMBER PROCUREMENT STATEMENT:

We source timbers from a range of sources that include Victoria's apple industry as well as new timber suppliers in VIC, NSW & QLD. Our recycled apple crate cubby houses, are built using recycled timber apple crates that have been sourced from one of the largest apple growing businesses in Victoria. These timbers are completely untreated to comply with food safety standards.

For our new timbers we use untreated radiata pine, cypress pine or hardwood. For custom work where we use in ground timbers we use cypress pine and hardwood timbers that are naturally moisture and mite resistant. Our products contain no preservatives and no chemicals. Just the way we like our world!

We ONLY source our new timbers, including hardwood timber, from FSC certified suppliers. FSC are internationally recognised forest certification networks that provide recognition of regional and national standards that meet their criteria for sustainable forest management. You can read more about FSC certification [HERE](#). You can read more about hardwood timber procurement standards from the source [HERE](#).

## TIMBER TREATMENT STATEMENT:

Castle and Cubby **DO NOT USE ANY** timbers treated in the following ways: CCA, LOSP, ACQ or AC.

You can read about the EPA's description of LSOP treated timber, deemed the 'safer' option for children's playgrounds, [HERE](#). You will understand quickly why we choose not to use recommended 'safe' options as a means to keep costs down.

## SAFETY COMPLIANCE STATEMENT - FOR CHILDCARE, EDUCATION & PUBLIC SPACES:

Equipment Supplied and installed by Castle and Cubby is designed to comply with the following standards Australian Standard AS 4685, Australian Standard AS 4422 & Australian Standard AS ISO 8124-4.

This statement of compliance is limited to those matters in the above Standards which directly govern the design and installation of equipment. Issues relating to the siting of the equipment, provision and maintenance of suitable undersurfacing, establishment and continuation of a maintenance program etc, are the responsibility of the purchaser. Compliance of the parts are only accepted by Castle and Cubby where they form part of the contracted works.

If you have any questions or concerns about the products or materials that we use please do not hesitate to call or email us.

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