

# Garden furniture safety guide

**Accidents involving garden furniture happen regularly, but by following these tips you can ensure the safety of your family and friends.**

1. Always read the instructions carefully before assembling any garden furniture. Do not rush the process or divert from the instructions.
2. When folding garden furniture take great care to keep fingers away from the furniture joints as they can easily become trapped.
3. When garden furniture is stored away for a long time, check it thoroughly before use.
4. Make sure there are no screws or nails protruding from your garden furniture.
5. Check furniture is free from rot, corrosion or cracks. Apply treatment where necessary.
6. Check for any breakages. Repair or replace any damaged garden furniture.
7. Always pick a suitable location for your garden furniture. Place it on a flat and steady surface and away from any steps, ledges or doorways.
8. In windy conditions secure all garden furniture with ropes or weights. This is especially important with umbrellas or gazebos.
9. Keep metal garden furniture covered or in the shade when not in use, it can become very hot if left for a long time in direct sunlight.
10. Never use garden furniture for anything other than its intended use.
11. If any cushions or upholstery are used with your garden furniture, check that it complies with fire safety standards. Safety information can usually be found on the label.
12. Do not assemble or fold away garden furniture when under the influence of alcohol.
13. If you're purchasing second hand furniture check that each individual item is in good working order and ask if any instructions or warranties are available.

## **Child Safety**

1. Always supervise children when using garden furniture and never leave them unattended.
2. Do not let them erect or dismantle garden furniture as small hands can easily get caught in the joints.
3. Do not let children play under tables and chairs.

