

## Metal Folding Chair Hazards

Do you use metal folding chairs at your facility? Is there a potential for young children to use these chairs? If the answer is yes to both of these questions, then you have a potential hazard.

Metal folding chairs may not be appropriate for environments where young children are present. This is especially true for adult-sized metal folding chairs. These chairs can easily collapse, shearing off the tips of children's fingers, or breaking bones in hands or fingers that become entrapped.

If you use folding chairs, replace them with sturdy chairs designed for children's use. Establish a "Kids' Zone" where the furniture is specifically designed for young children. All furniture should be durable and child-sized. When a child is sitting in a chair, his or her feet must be able to reach the floor.

Always check the Consumer Product Safety Commission's website ([www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov)) for any recalls that may involve the furniture you use.

Never allow anyone to use a chair as a ladder! This can lead to serious injuries.