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Republic Administration for Inspection Affairs
Attn. Director

Subject-Children's playhouses,

In a flood of different content intended for children, especially interesting are children's playhouses whose number is increasing. The Law on Preschool Education ("Official Gazette of RS" No. 119/08), has stipulated by the Article 21. among other things, the possibility of organizing children's playhouses, aimed at stimulating interest and developing children's abilities and quality leisure time in children under 5 years.

The law has stipulated the possibility of organizing, and by-laws adopted by the Law-the Regulation on conditions for the commencement of pre-school institutions ("Official Gazette of RS" No. 24/10) and the Rules of pedagogical standards and norms in the field of preschool education ("Official Gazette of RS" No. 65/10) have stipulated conditions for commencement of work of pre-school institution, and spatial, financial and other standards, regulations and criteria that must be fulfilled in order for the designated area to serve for that purpose.

According to the data that the Institution has the largest number of children's playhouses work based on a permit whose activity is renting space for organizing celebrations of children's birthdays, providing the services of entertainment and the similar, and they have been issued by the competent authority of local community. Those are not and cannot be children's playhouses as defined by the law. Acting under the name of playhouse these areas are misleading parents and expose children to the risks and dangers and thereby are not under the adequate supervision.

Any form of organizing and socializing of children is always welcome, provided that such organization and association meets the standards and norms adapted to children, which is defined by Regulations and which requires that:

- object is in a location that meets the hygienic, ecological, utility, urban planning and other conditions,
- floors, walls, toilets, lighting, heating, ventilation, noise control, are all conditions that must be adapted to children,
- toys and other content that are at children's disposal, and
- special personnel who works with children in playhouses.

Bearing in mind the aforementioned and the Article 81. of the Law which stipulates who supervises the enforcement of laws and other regulations in the field of preschool education,

We invite you to, in accordance with your authority, take the necessary measures and activities in order to prevent action of playhouses who do not meet the established norms and standards adapted to children.

I expect that, in accordance with the Article 9. of the Law on Ombudsman for Children, you inform the Institution on the measures taken.

Sincerely,

Ombudsman for Children
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