

Stonegate Community Association

Children At Play Signs

In 2007, the Arizona State Legislature passed a new signage ordinance specifically allowing the use of Children at Play signs in residential communities.

From ARS 33-1808:

D. Notwithstanding any provision in the community documents, an association shall not prohibit the use of cautionary signs regarding children if the signs are used and displayed as follows:

1. The signs are displayed in residential areas only
2. The signs are removed within one hour of children ceasing to play
3. The signs are displayed only when children are actually present within fifty feet of the sign
4. The temporary signs are no taller than three feet in height
5. The signs are professionally manufactured or produced

The association retains the right to regulate, in a reasonable manner, the use of these signs. At its February 24, 2009 meeting, the Board did so, acting upon a recommendation from the Architectural Committee:

1. Signs are permitted only within the subdivisions, not on connectors such as Stonegate Circle, Palomino East and Retreat Way. Children should not play on those streets.
2. Signs must be at least 75 feet past the entry to the subdivision. This gives traffic a chance to transition into residential neighborhood driving mode.
3. Stonegate has no streetlights; therefore, these signs are not permitted after dark.

It is recommended that parents communicate the importance of safe play when outside. When playing in the street, children must move to the curb to allow cars to pass with plenty of room.