

Children's Hospitals May Ban McDonald's Playgrounds

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A consumer group, Corporate Accountability International, is launching an anti-Trans-fat campaign that will ban McDonald's playgrounds from Children's Hospitals nationwide. The organization is hoping President Barack Obama will sign an anti-McDonald's playgrounds law if he is re-elected to the White House. The Houston Chronicle reports that, "Corporate Accountability International chided 20 health-care facilities, including the Cleveland Clinic and Houston's Texas Children's and Ben Taub hospitals, for having the fast-food chain on their sites."

In a letter Tuesday, the consumer group may pursue legal action to end their contracts with operators of McDonald's Playground facilities. They insist that these places of fun for children may tempt them to eat food that is unhealthy.

They demand that McDonald's "stop fostering a food environment that promotes harm, not health." As reported by the Houston Chronicle, "there are 26 McDonald's restaurants nationwide in hospitals. That's too many, according to Corporate Accountability International."

To read the entire article from the Houston Chronicle, link here: Mcgregor@chinadaily.com.cn