

Playground Safety Checklist

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General Inspection	Pass	Fail	Problem / Solution
Playground area is free of litter and debris.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Playground area is free of anthills/hazardous insects or toxic plants.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Playground area is free of holes and other tripping hazards.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Proper signage with rules, hours, and age-appropriate use is posted.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Playground area is properly fenced.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Self-latching gate works as designed.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Surfacing	Pass	Fail	Problem / Solution
Approved surfacing material is used (i.e. solid rubber, artificial grass or turf, play sand, pea gravel, wood chips, rubber mulch).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Surfacing material under and around equipment is adequate depth (6-12 inches).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Surfacing material is free of glass, debris, or other foreign objects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Surfacing material is not compacting or deteriorating.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rubber wear mats are used under high-traffic-use areas and covered by sufficient depth of surfacing material.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Proper drainage prevents water from forming puddles.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equipment Hazards	Pass	Fail	Problem / Solution
Equipment is not damaged or vandalized.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equipment is free from sharp points, corners, or edges.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Protective caps or plugs are not missing or damaged.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equipment is free of potential clothing entanglement hazards.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equipment free of pinch and crush points or exposed moving parts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equipment is free of rust, rot, cracks, and splinters.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equipment is free of entrapments.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equipment is safely anchored.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Swings	Pass	Fail	Problem / Solution
Hardware and chains are in good condition.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Swings are a safe distance from other playground equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Swings are 24 inches apart.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Edges of seats are smooth and free from obstructions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Adequate depths of surfacing material extend out a minimum distance of twice the height of the swing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Slides	Pass	Fail	Problem / Solution
Slides are free of obstructions and protrusions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equipped with platforms to facilitate access to the sitting position.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Platforms are equipped with guardrails or equivalent protective equipment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Average incline is less than 30 degrees.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Exit regions are level.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Metal slides are shaded to prevent overheating.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Climbing Equipment	Pass	Fail	Problem / Solution
Hand grips are secured and do not rotate.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rope or chain ladders are anchored at both ends.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Foot holds/rungs are in good condition and adequately spaced.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Seesaws	Pass	Fail	Problem / Solution
Seesaws are free of cracks, corrosion, and other obvious structural defects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equipment is provided with spring centering devices or cushioning material to prevent abrupt contact with the ground.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fulcrums/pivot points are free of pinch or crush hazards.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Handholds are provided at each seating position.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Inspector name, signature, and completion date

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