

PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

Instructions: Check the entire playground routinely on a frequent basis. Train all personnel to be alert to playground hazards, and report them promptly. Avoid the use of hazardous equipment until repaired.	Date Checked	Repair Needed	Date Repaired
1. Is there at least a 6 to 9-inch deep resilient ground cover (sand, pea, gravel, or shredded wood) under all swings, merry-go-rounds, slides, and climbing equipment? Is the resilient surface compacted or out of place? Do poured-in surfaces meet ASTM and CPSC guidelines?			
2. Are there foreign objects or obstructions in the fall zones under and around fixed equipment?			
3. Are there obstructions that interfere with normal play activity?			
4. Are there climbing areas that would allow children to fall more than their reaching height when standing upright?			
5. Are concrete supports sticking above ground? Are they secure?			
6. Are there any potential tripping hazards that could cause a child to fall as they run and play in the area? (Such as concrete not flush with ground, exposed tree roots).			
7. Are there sharp edges, broken parts, pinching actions or loose bolts?			
8. Are there openings that could trap a child's hand?			
9. Are there frayed cables, worn ropes, open hooks or chains that could pinch?			
10. Are timbers rotting, splitting, termite infested or excessively worn?			
11. Are portable toys such as tricycles and wagons in good repair?			
12. Are there any areas of peeling paint or rust on equipment or accessible to children?			
13. Are there protrusions that can catch clothing?			
13. Are there crush points or shearing actions such as hinges of seesaws and undercarriages of revolving equipments?			
14. Are swing seats excessively heavy? Do they have protruding parts such as animal noses or legs?			
15. Is the fence at least 4 feet high and good repair? Can gates be secured?			
16. Are there electrical hazards on the playground such as accessible air conditioners, switch boxes, or power lines?			
17. Are there collections of water on the playground?			
18. Are there toxic materials on the playground?			
19. Do grass, trees, and shrubs need care?			
20. Do children wear inappropriate clothing such as capes on climbing and moving equipment?			
21. Are there any areas that block supervision or oversight of the children?			
22. Does the adult-to-child supervision ratio equal ratios required for indoor activity?			