

Recreation Department Playground Safety Checklist

Suggested minimum frequency: Quarterly during off season and at least monthly during season

Municipality: _____	Inspection Date: / /201
Name of Inspector: Print name _____	Title: _____
Location Surveyed: _____	

#	Needs Work	O K	N/A	CONDITION: Write line #'s & comments on back for all "Needs Work" listings, and notify management to initiate required corrective action
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The CPSC's Dirty Dozen

1		X		Surfacing compacted or inadequate? Need minimum of 9 inches of wood mulch
2		X		Is there a minimum use zone of 6 foot in all directions for all equipment?
3		X		Deformation of open "S" hooks, (dime fits) shackles, rings or links
4		X		Space between slats of barriers & guardrails is not between 3 1/2-9 inches
5	X			Equipment spacing: Minimum 12' between adjacent structures?
6		X		Poor drainage areas, Tripping hazards such as roots, rocks, etc
7	X			Proper Signage – Rules, Hours and Age Appropriate
9		X		Poor maintenance: Lack of lubrication on moving parts, Worn bearings
10		X		Fencing damaged, exposed sharp edges, end caps missing? ☐ no fence
11		X		Platforms: if over 30" have guardrails
12		X		Remove banned equipment: 2 person or heavy swings, climb ropes fastened both ends

General Conditions Answer ALL questions detail of action plan on reverse

13		X		All overhead wires or tree branches above 84 inches? ☐ no wires
14		X		Accessible to handicapped? Ramps 36' min. wide, w/ slope between 1:20 and 1:12. Max
15		X		Visible cracks, bending, warping, rusting or breakage of any component?
16		X		Vandalism (broken glass, trash, graffiti, etc.)
17		X		Surfacing material thin, worn or scattered (in landing pits, etc.)
18		X		Worn swing hangers and chains, Broken or missing rails, steps, rungs or seats
19		X		Missing, damaged or loose swing seats; heavy seats with sharp edges or corners
20		X		Broken or damaged supports / anchors, footings exposed, cracked, loose in ground
21		X		No Loose bolts, nuts, corrosion, splintered, cracked or otherwise deteriorated wood
22		X		Exposed ends of tubing that should be covered by plugs or caps
23		X		Protruding bolt ends (more than 2 threads) without smooth finished caps & covers?
24		X		Chipped or peeling paint check if installed before 1962 Lead Paint possible
25		X		Low hanging, dead tree limbs removed?
26		X		Inspect tall exterior pole lamp posts for cracks in welds

Special Equipment

27		X		Seesaw fulcrum is fixed, enclosed, or designed to prevent crush & shear; no footrests
28		X		All gymnastic equipment removed, i.e., trapeze bars or rings, PAR courses separate
29		X		Merry-go round, have handgrips, essentially round, no greater than 9 in above surface
30		X		Sides of bed ways on slides are minimum 4" high
31		X		Sliding pole is max. 1.9" D and continuous w/ no protruding welds or joints
32		X		Steps/rungs do not allow accumulation of water or debris

Ancillary Activities or Equipment ☐ Municipality does not have this equipment

33		X		Sand play is located in shaded area, inspected & raked weekly to remove debris.
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