

Recreation Department Playground Safety Checklist

Municipality:	Inspection Date: / / 20
Name of Inspector:	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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General Condition of Grounds and Equipment

1				Surfacing material is at adequate depth and is not compacted or overgrown with vegetation
2				Surface material extends a minimum use zone of 6 foot in all directions for all equipment.
3				Surface material has adequate drainage Tripping hazards such as roots, rocks, etc.
4				Surface material has not been kicked out from under swings, front of slide, etc.
5				Surface material free of trip hazards such as roots, rocks, etc.
6				Vandalism (broken glass, trash, graffiti, etc.)
7				Signs are present and legible – Rules, Hours and Age
8				Benches, picnic tables, etc. are not located in the Use Zones of play equipment
9				Overhead wires or tree branches cleared to above 84 inches over play equipment.
10				Dead tree limbs have been removed.
11				Fencing is not damaged; exposed sharp edges, end caps missing, etc.
12				Anchors / foots are not broken, exposed, cracked, or loose in the ground
13				Platforms and railings are not cracked, bent, warping, rusting, etc.
14				Steps, rungs, and platforms are in good condition and free of damage or excessive rust.
15				Steps, rungs, and platforms do not allow accumulation of water or debris
16				Hardware – Bolts & nuts are not loose, rusted, or extend more than 2 threads.
17				Hardware is tamper resistant
18				Exposed ends of columns and tubing are covered by plugs or caps
19				Paint is not chipped or peeling (if installed before 1962 lead paint is possible)
20				Wood is not cracked, heavily splintered, or otherwise deteriorated.

Specific Equipment

21				Swings – surface material extended twice the height to the front and rear of swings
22				Swings – no missing, damaged or loose swing seats; heavy seats with sharp edges or corners
23				Swings - "S" hooks closed to maximum of width of a dime
24				Swings – no worn bearings, hangers or chains. Bearings are lubricated.
25				Slides are not cracked, bent, or otherwise damaged.
26				Rigid climbers are smooth, not cracked, bent, or otherwise damaged.
27				Flexible climbers do not present choke hazard. Ropes secured top and bottom.
28				Rockers are in good condition.
29				Merry-go rounds are no greater than 9" above surface, include speed limiter, and in good shape
30				Seesaw fulcrum is fixed, enclosed, or designed to prevent crush & shear; no footrests

Ancillary Activities or Equipment

33				Sand play is located in shaded area, inspected & raked weekly to remove debris.
34				Lamp posts & poles are free of cracks in welds. Lights work. Electrical components covered.