



Playground Maintenance Checklist

Item to be Evaluated	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if concern	Instructions for correction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if corrected
General Upkeep				
Area is free of debris, litter, or animal waste				
Trash or garbage is not accessible to children				
Paint is in good condition, is not chipping, contains no lead				
No trip hazards, such as exposed footings, rocks, roots, obstacles				
Entire play area has no drainage problems or pooling water				
Treated wood is sealed annually with a protective coating				
Sandboxes are kept covered when not in use				
No poisonous or thorny plants in children's play area				
No user modifications, such as ropes tied to equipment, swings looped over supports				
Surfacing				
Surfaces around playground equipment have 9"-12" of wood chips, rubber mulch, pea gravel, or other approved surfacing material; rubber mats or mulch have ASTM testing results available				
Foreign objects or debris are removed from surfacing				
Loose surfacing materials have not compacted, displaced, or deteriorated, especially under slides or swings				
Surfacing material extends at least 6' from the base of equipment in all directions, and further for swings and slides				
No holes, buckling, or damage to unitary surfacing				
General Equipment Hazards				
No sharp points, corners, or edges or protruding nails				
Elevated surfaces, like platforms and ramps, have guardrails/barriers				
No missing or damaged protective caps or plugs				
Spaces, such as openings in guard rails or between ladder rungs, measure less than 3.5" or more than 9"				
No potential clothing entanglement hazards, such as open S-hooks, protruding bolt ends, or spaces between the slide and platform				
No crush or shear points or exposed moving parts				
Equipment is not broken, warped, rusted, or missing pieces				
Equipment and other play features have no rust, rot, cracks, or splinters; pay special attention to possible corrosion where structures come in contact with the ground				
No hazardous protrusions				
No splintering on wooden equipment				
Equipment is securely anchored				
Security of Hardware				
No loose/worn connecting, covering or fastening hardware devices				
S-hooks on both ends of swings and all connection points on flexible climbing elements show no wear				
Moving parts, such as swing hangars or merry-go-round bearings are not worn				
Screws have no more than 2 exposed threads				

Signature of Person Completing Playground Inspection:	Date: