

# Playground Safety Checklist

<b>Municipality:</b>	<b>Inspection Date:</b>
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<b>Name of Inspector:</b>	<b>Title:</b>
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**Location Surveyed:**

#	Needs Work	O K	N/A	Condition: Write line #'s and comments on back for all "Needs Work" listings
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**General Grounds Conditions**

1				Proper Signage – Rules, Hours and Age Appropriate
2				Vandalism (broken glass, trash, graffiti, etc.)
3				Poor drainage areas, Tripping hazards such as roots, rocks, etc
4				Fencing damaged, exposed sharp edges, end caps missing
5				Low hanging, dead tree limbs removed?
6				All overhead wires or tree branches above 84 inches?
7				Surfacing compacted or inadequate? Need minimum of 9 inches of wood mulch
8				Surfacing material thin, worn or scattered (in landing pits, etc.)
9				Accessible to handicapped? Ramps 36' min. wide, w/ slope between 1:20 and 1:12. Max

**General Equipment Conditions**

10				There is a minimum use zone of 6 foot in all directions for all equipment.
11				Visible cracks, bending, warping, rusting or breakage of any component
12				Deformation of open "S" hooks, (dime fits) shackles, rings or links
13				Worn swing hangers and chains, Broken or missing rails, steps, rungs or seats
14				Missing, damaged or loose swing seats; heavy seats with sharp edges or corners
15				Broken or damaged supports / anchors, footings exposed, cracked, loose in ground
16				No Loose bolts, nuts, corrosion, splintered, cracked or otherwise deteriorated wood
17				Exposed ends of tubing that should be covered by plugs or caps
18				Protruding bolt ends (more than 2 threads) without smooth finished caps & covers?
19				Chipped or peeling paint check if installed before 1962 Lead Paint possible
20				Lack of lubrication on moving parts, Worn bearings
21				Space between slats of barriers & guardrails is not between 3 1/2-9 inches

**Special Equipment**

22				Seesaw fulcrum is fixed, enclosed, or designed to prevent crush & shear; no footrests
23				All climbing ropes must be fastened at both ends
24				Merry-go round, have handgrips, essentially round, no greater than 9 in above surface
25				Sides of bed ways on slides are minimum 4" high
26				Sliding pole is max. 1.9" D and continuous w/ no protruding welds or joints
27				Steps/rungs do not allow accumulation of water or debris

**Ancillary Activities or Equipment**

28				Surfaces for basketball or tennis courts cracked or uneven
29				Sand play is located in shaded area, inspected & raked weekly to remove debris.
30				All gymnastic equipment removed, i.e., trapeze bars or rings, PAR courses separate