

# PLAYGROUND SAFETY CHECKLIST

Below checklist should be completed by the playground aid / manager.

Checked By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Check: ( Explain in the comments below when you check no)

YES   NO

## SURFACING

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| 1. Is there enough protective surfacing under and around the equipment (12-14" sand, shredded wood or similar protection)? | _____ | _____ |
| 2. Is the area for loose-fill surfacing material free of dangerous objects such as glass or debris?                        | _____ | _____ |
| 3. Is the surfacing material uncompressed and of sufficient depth?   | _____ | _____ |

## GENERAL HAZARDS

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| 4. Is all equipment free of pinch or sharp edges that may injure children?   | _____ | _____ |
| 5. Are all protective caps or plugs used to cover pipe ends in good condition or undamaged?                                    | _____ | _____ |
| 6. Are all dangerous bumps or extensions removed (e.g bolts, nuts)?  | _____ | _____ |
| 7. Is all equipment free of protruding s-hooks or bolts that may cause clothing entanglement?                                  | _____ | _____ |
| 8. Have you checked if there are no exposed moving parts, sharp points or any pinch?   | _____ | _____ |
| 9. Is the playground area free of any environmental obstacles such as rocks or exposed footings that could cause trip hazards? | _____ | _____ |

## EQUIPMENT DETERIORATION

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| 10. Is equipment free of cracks or splinters?   | _____ | _____ |
| 11. Is equipment's structural components free of defects and in good condition (e.g. handrails, protective barriers, steps on ladders)? | _____ | _____ |
| 12. Have you ensured that all fences, benches, and signs on the playground is in  |       |       |

good condition?

13. Is all equipment properly anchored to avoid falls or injury?

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#### HARDWARE SECURITY

14. Are all movable wings, bolts or fastening devices secured and in good condition?

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15. Have you ensured that all moving components (ie.swing hangers) are unworn and safe?

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#### DRAINAGE

16. Are drainage properly provided?

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#### UPKEEP OF PLAYGROUNDS

17. Are playground areas free of litter (ie. cans, glass, animal waste etc)?

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#### **ACTIONS TAKEN ON DANGEROUS CONDITIONS FOUND FROM THIS CHECKLIST:**

- \_\_\_\_ remove/repair the problem
- \_\_\_\_ notify the manager
- \_\_\_\_ close the area
- \_\_\_\_ no dangerous conditions found

#### COMMENTS: