**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**

\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_   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**

\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_   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**

\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_   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?

                          **HARDWARE SECURITY**

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

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

                          **DRAINAGE**

\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_   16. Are drainage properly provided?

                          **UPKEEP OF PLAYGROUNDS**

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

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

\_\_\_\_ remove/repair the problem

 \_\_\_\_ notify the manager

 \_\_\_\_ close the area

 \_\_\_\_ no dangerous conditions found

**COMMENTS:**