

Playground Maintenance Checklist

<p>Instructions: Check the entire playground at least once each month. Train all personnel to be alert to playground hazards, and report them promptly. Avoid the use of hazardous equipment until repaired.</p>	Date Checked	Repair Needed	Date Repaired
1. Is there an 8- to 10-inch-deep resilient ground cover (sand, pea gravel, shredded wood) under all swings, merry-go-rounds, slides, and climbing equipment? Is the resilient surface compacted or out of place? If concrete or asphalt is under equipment, is the manufactured impact attenuation product in place?			
2. Are there foreign objects or obstructions in the fall zones under and around fixed equipment?			
3. Are there obstructions to interfere with normal play activity?			
4. Are there climbing areas that would allow children to fall more than their reaching height when standing erect?			
5. Are concrete supports sticking above the ground? Are they secure?			
6. Are there sharp edges, broken parts, pinching actions, or loose bolts?			
7. Are there openings that could trap a child's head?			
8. Are there frayed cables, worn ropes, open hooks, or chains that could pinch?			
9. Are timbers rotting, splitting, termite infested, or excessively worn?			
10. Are portable toys such as tricycles and wagons in good repair?			
11. Are there protrusions that can catch clothing?			
12. Are there crush points or shearing actions such as hinges of seesaws and undercarriages of revolving equipment?			
13. Are swing seats excessively heavy? Do they have protruding parts such as animal noses or legs?			
14. Is the fence at least 4 feet high and in good repair? Can gates be secured?			
15. Are there electrical hazards on the playground such as accessible air conditioners, switch boxes, or power lines?			
16. Are there collections of contaminated water on the playground?			
17. Are there toxic materials on the playground?			
18. Do the grass, trees, and shrubs need care?			
19. Do children wear inappropriate clothing such as capes on climbing and moving equipment?			
20. Does the adult-to-child supervision ratio equal ratios required for indoor activity?			