

PLAYGROUND SAFETY CHECKLIST

Required checklist is to be completed by the school principal, playground aide, day care teacher or the custodian.

School: _____ Checked by: _____ Date: _____

Check:

YES NO (if no, explain. Use note portion or the back of this sheet)

SURFACING:

1. ____ ____ Does the equipment have adequate protective surfacing under and around it (12-14" sand, crushed wood or equivalent protection)?
2. ____ ____ Is the loose-fill surfacing material free of foreign objects or debris?
3. ____ ____ Is the loose-fill surfacing material loose and un-compacted and of sufficient depth in heavy use areas such as under swings or at slide exits?

GENERAL HAZARDS

4. ____ ____ Is all equipment free of sharp points, or dangerous corners or edges?
5. ____ ____ Are all pipe ends covered with undamaged protective caps or plugs?
6. ____ ____ Are all hazardous protrusions and projections, such as bars or bolts, removed?
7. ____ ____ Are all potential clothing entanglement hazards removed or repaired (e.g. open S-hooks or protruding bolts)?
8. ____ ____ Have you insured that there are no pinch, crush, or shearing points or any exposed moving parts?
9. ____ ____ Is the playground area free of any trip hazards, such as exposed footings and anchoring devices, and rocks, roots, or any other environmental obstacles?

DETERIORATION OF THE EQUIPMENT

10. ____ ____ Is all equipment free of rust, rot, cracks or splinters, especially where it comes in contact with the ground?
11. ____ ____ Are all components on the playground equipment unbroken and in good condition (e.g. handrails, guardrails, protective barriers, steps or rungs on ladders)?
12. ____ ____ Are all fences, benches, and signs on the playground in an undamaged condition?
13. ____ ____ Is all equipment securely anchored?

SECURITY OF HARDWARE

14. ____ ____ Are all fastening devices and connections, such as S-hooks and chains, secure and in good condition?
15. ____ ____ Are moving components, such as swing hangers, swing rings or nets, unworn and safe?

DRAINAGE

16. ____ ____ Does the entire play area have satisfactory drainage, especially in heavy use areas such as under swings and slide areas?

GENERAL UPKEEP OF PLAYGROUNDS

17. ____ ____ Is the entire playground free from miscellaneous debris or litter such as branches, cans, glass, animal waste, etc.?

ACTIONS TAKEN ON HAZARDS APPARENT FROM THIS INSPECTION:

- ____ repair the problem
- ____ barricade/close area
- ____ notify supervisor
- ____ none: no hazardous conditions found

NOTES:
