**Exterior Walkways and Surfaces Inspection Checklist**

**Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Inspector Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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

**Location/Area Inspected: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Instructions:** Carefully inspect all exterior walkways, pathways, and surfaces to identify potential hazards. Use this checklist to evaluate the condition of each area. Include detailed notes and recommendations for necessary repairs or improvements.

**General Inspection:**

* **Surface Condition:**
  + Inspect for cracks, holes, or erosion in concrete, asphalt, and other surface materials.
  + Check for surface wear such as fading, peeling, or chipping of painted lines and markings.
* **Level and Alignment:**
  + Verify that all surfaces are level and uniformly aligned without significant gaps or height differences between sections.
  + Ensure no subsidence or uplift has occurred, especially near tree roots or after freeze-thaw cycles.
* **Drainage:**
  + Check for proper drainage to prevent standing water and ensure water flows away from walkways.
  + Inspect drains and grates for blockages or damage.

**Specific Areas:**

* **Pathways Leading to Entrances and Exits:**
  + Ensure pathways are clear of obstructions like fallen branches, rocks, or litter.
  + Verify that anti-slip surfaces are intact where needed, particularly in areas prone to ice in winter.
* **Around Playgrounds and Sports Fields:**
  + Check for loose material, such as gravel or mulch, that may have migrated onto walkways.
  + Inspect for any damage or wear caused by sports activities or heavy traffic.
* **Parking Lot Crosswalks:**
  + Evaluate the visibility and condition of crosswalks.
  + Confirm that signage and pavement markings are clear and adhere to safety regulations.

**Safety and Compliance:**

* **Visibility and Lighting:**
  + Check that pathways are well-lit to enhance visibility during low light conditions.
  + Ensure lights are functional and any damaged fixtures are noted for repair.
* **Signage:**
  + Confirm that all pathway-related signage is visible and not obscured by foliage or damage.
  + Review safety signs for accuracy and relevance.
* **Accessibility Features:**
  + Assess the condition of ramps, tactile paving, and handrails to ensure compliance with accessibility standards.
  + Ensure there are no abrupt edges or obstacles that could impair accessibility.
* **Seasonal and Environmental:**
* **Tree and Vegetation Management:**
  + Inspect nearby trees for overhanging branches that might pose a risk or block lighting.
  + Check that root growth does not disrupt the surface integrity of pathways.
* **Weather-related Issues:**
  + Assess the need for seasonal services like snow removal or de-icing.
  + Consider the effects of recent weather events on pathway stability and safety.

**Additional Notes and Observations:**

**Actions Required/Recommendations:**

**Inspector's Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**