

Playground Maintenance Checklist

Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Playground Name	Corrective Action Taken (if needed)	Initials/ Date
			Surfacing		
			Surfacing materials have not deteriorated.		
			Loose-fill surfacing materials have no foreign objects or debris.		
			Loose-fill surfacing materials are not compacted.		
			Loose-fill surfacing materials have not been displaced under heavy use areas such as under swings or at slide exits.		
			Surfacing for belt swings extends to the front and rear of a single-axis swing a minimum distance of <i>twice</i> the vertical distance from the pivot point and the top of the protective surface beneath it.		
			Surfacing to the sides of single axis swings extend a minimum of 6 feet from the perimeter of the swing.		
			Drainage		
			The entire play area has satisfactory drainage, especially in heavy use areas such as under swings and at slide exits.		
			General Hazards		
			All openings are less than 3.5" or greater than 9".		
			There are no elevated surfaces 2" wide by 2" long.		
			Full bucket seat swings (and adaptive swings) do NOT share the same bay as a belt swing.		
			Platform openings are NOT greater than 15".		
			Bolt ends extend no more than two (2) threads beyond the face of the nut.		
			Slide exit zones are at least 7" but no more than 15" above protective surfacing for ages 5-12 (if the slide is over 4' high) and 7"-11" if under age 5.		
			"S" hooks are closed to prevent entanglement. The gap is less than 0.04 inch. A dime (10¢) should not fit in the gap.		
			The equipment is free of pinch, crush, and/or shear points on exposed moving parts.		
			Only two swings share a swing bay.		
			There are no missing or damaged protective caps or plugs.		
			A list of playground rules are posted in a conspicuous place and readable.		
			There are no hazardous protrusions.		
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			There are no sharp points, corners or edges on the equipment.		
			There are no trip hazards, such as exposed footings or anchoring devices and rocks, roots, or any other obstacles in a use zone.		
			The slide bed is free of any openings between the entrance platform and the sliding surface and it is securely attached.		
			All hardware is present, securely attached, and free of significant wear.		
			There are no broken, chipped, or cracked plastic parts, particularly at joints and connections.		
			Cables and chains are fixed tightly at both ends so there is no possibility of overlapping and entrapping a child.		
			Equipment is stable and without severe structural deterioration, such as at the footings and joints.		
			Climbing wall hand- and foot holds are tight.		
			Residential play equipment isn't being used.		
			Used tires are not used for play equipment.		
			Swinging dual exercise rings and trapeze bars are not included on the playground.		
			Rungs are securely fixed so they do not rotate.		
			Bearings are in good condition and well lubricated.		
			All moving suspended elements are connected to the fixed support structure with bearings that reduce friction and wear. (A steel cable permanently affixed to a hanger assembly meets this requirement).		
			The flexible climber is adjusted to eliminate loose cables.		
			Connections on flexible climbers are securely fixed to prevent the openings from changing size.		
			Chains and cables are without significant wear.		
			Cables are free of frayed or projecting wires.		
			The equipment is free of chipped, peeling, or worn paint.		
			Metal materials are free of rust, corrosion, peeling paint, and bent parts.		
			Wood materials are free of warping, wood rot, insect damage, cupping, and checking.		
			Wood materials are free of splinters, heart center, and loose or missing knots.		
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			Poured-in-place surfaces and synthetic tiles are free of abrupt changes in level greater than ¼ inch.		

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			Poured-in-place surfaces and synthetic tiles are free of cuts, nicks, or damaged areas.		
			Security of Hardware		
			There are no loose fastening devices or worn connections.		
			Moving parts, such as swing hangers, merry-go-round bearings, and track rides, are not worn.		
			Universal joints on multi-axis swings are covered with a durable, flexible shield.		
			Durability of Equipment		
			There are no rust, rot, cracks, or splinters on any equipment (check carefully where it comes in contact with the ground).		
			There are no broken or missing components on the equipment (e.g., handrails, guardrails, protective barriers, steps, or rungs).		
			There are no damaged fences, benches, or signs on the playground.		
			All equipment is securely anchored.		
			Lead Paint		
			Paint (especially lead paint) is not peeling, cracking, chipping, or chalking.		
			There are no areas of visible leaded paint chips or accumulation of lead dust.		
			General Upkeep of Playground		
			There are no user modifications to the equipment, such as strings and ropes tied to equipment, swings looped over top rails, etc.		
			The entire playground is free from debris or litter such as tree branches, soda cans, bottles, glass, etc.		
			Trash receptacles are present and emptied when full.		