

PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

Instructions: To help ensure a safer, longer-lasting playground, periodically walk through the entire play area and carefully inspect each piece of equipment and the surrounding safety surfaces. As you go, check for the following:

Date																				
Inadequate surfacing material under equipment																				
Visible cracks, bending, warping																				
Accessible sharp edges or points																				
Rusted metal surfaces																				
Rusting of metal and corrosion on aluminum																				
Deformation of open hooks, rings, links, etc.																				
Worn swing hangers and chain																				
Missing or damaged swing seats																				
Broken supports/anchors																				
Jagged, exposed or cracked and loose concrete footing																				
Exposed ends of pipe, missing caps or plugs																				
Protruding bolt ends																				
Chipped or peeling paint																				
Cuts or fraying in rope with exposed steel reinforcement strands																				
Vandalism, broken glass, trash, etc.																				
Broken or missing rails, steps, rungs, seats																				
Loose or missing hardware																				
Crush or shear points																				
Smooth operation of moving components																				
Lack of lubrication on moving parts																				
Worn, loose or wobbly bearings																				
Poor drainage areas at footings, slide exits, etc.																				
Vandalized or cracked PVC coating																				

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How Often	Check	Swings	Slides	Climbers	Structures	Animals	Whirls
Daily	Open S Hooks	X		X	X		
Daily	Broken Anchor Bolts	X	X	X	X	X	X
Daily	Worn Chains	X		X	X		
Daily	Broken Guardrails/Handrails	X	X	X	X	X	X
Daily	Sharp Edges	X	X	X	X	X	X
Daily	Loose or Missing Nuts/Bolts	X	X	X	X	X	X
Daily	Sharp Points/Protrusions	X	X	X	X	X	X
Daily	Unplugged Holes in Pipe	X	X	X	X	X	X
Daily/Weekly	Broken Welds	X	X	X	X	X	X
Daily/Weekly	Inadequate Surfacing	X	X	X	X	X	X
Daily/Weekly	Ropes for cuts or fraying with exposed steel reinforcement strands			X	X		
Daily/Weekly	Vandalized or Cracked PVC Coating	X		X	X		
Weekly	Worn Pinions/Clevises	X		X	X		
Weekly	Exposed Footings	X	X	X	X	X	X
Weekly	Worn Bearings	X			X		X
Weekly	Rust of Metal	X	X	X	X	X	X
Weekly	Corrosion of Aluminum	X	X	X	X	X	X
Monthly	Add grease lubrication to wheel bearings	X			X		X
Monthly	Play Mat (integrity and adhesion to surface if applicable)	X	X	X	X	X	X
Spring/Fall	Pinch Points	X	X	X	X	X	X
Inclement Weather (High Winds, Snow)	Remove Shade Canopy				X		

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