

PLAYGROUND SAFETY CHECKLIST

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| YES
<input type="checkbox"/> | NO
<input type="checkbox"/> | All surfaces underneath play equipment are covered with the amount of impact-absorbing material required per CPSC recommendations for the highest possible fall. Material such as sand, wood chips, or pea gravel, or a manufactured energy-absorptive surface is installed under and extends at least 6' beyond all sides of the equipment. |
| YES
<input type="checkbox"/> | NO
<input type="checkbox"/> | Surfaces are examined daily, all litter, sharp objects and animal feces are removed. |
| YES
<input type="checkbox"/> | NO
<input type="checkbox"/> | Stagnant pools of water are not present. |
| YES
<input type="checkbox"/> | NO
<input type="checkbox"/> | All pieces of play equipment are at least 12' apart, except: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment less than 30" high, spring riders, and balance beams are at least 6' apart. • Swing sets are placed 12' or more from other equipment and at least 6' from walls, fences, walkways, and other play areas. There is a clear space two times the height of the swing beam in front and two times the height of the swing beam in back of the swing. |
| YES
<input type="checkbox"/> | NO
<input type="checkbox"/> | Boundaries such as railroad ties, low bushes, benches, or painted lines separate play equipment from walking areas. |
| YES
<input type="checkbox"/> | NO
<input type="checkbox"/> | Bike or trike riding areas are separate from other equipment. |
| YES
<input type="checkbox"/> | NO
<input type="checkbox"/> | Playgrounds are fenced in. |
| YES
<input type="checkbox"/> | NO
<input type="checkbox"/> | Exposed concrete or hard anchoring material is covered. |
| YES
<input type="checkbox"/> | NO
<input type="checkbox"/> | Equipment is appropriate to the size and development of the children. |
| YES
<input type="checkbox"/> | NO
<input type="checkbox"/> | There are no sharp edges, loose connections, or exposed nails. Bolt ends are less than or equal to two threads and are not a protrusion hazard. |
| YES
<input type="checkbox"/> | NO
<input type="checkbox"/> | The playground is designed for safety. Caregivers remind children regularly of playground safety rules. |
| YES
<input type="checkbox"/> | NO
<input type="checkbox"/> | Swings are hung at least 2' apart from one another. There are no more than two swings per bay. |
| YES
<input type="checkbox"/> | NO
<input type="checkbox"/> | Slides have run-off space that is 4' plus the height of the slide. |
| YES
<input type="checkbox"/> | NO
<input type="checkbox"/> | Slides are no taller than 6' and have side rims at least 4" high [Short, spiral slides are suggested for children between 2 to 5 years.] |
| YES
<input type="checkbox"/> | NO
<input type="checkbox"/> | Slide ladders have flat steps and a handrail on each side. |
| YES
<input type="checkbox"/> | NO
<input type="checkbox"/> | Slides have a flat surface at the bottom to slow children down. |
| YES
<input type="checkbox"/> | NO
<input type="checkbox"/> | Metal slides are shaded to prevent overheating. |
| YES
<input type="checkbox"/> | NO
<input type="checkbox"/> | Steps and rungs are 7 to 11" apart and are evenly spaced for easy climbing. Steps or rungs between 3 ½ and 9" are filled in to eliminate an entrapment hazard. |
| YES
<input type="checkbox"/> | NO
<input type="checkbox"/> | Climbing or swinging bars stay in place when grasped. |
| YES
<input type="checkbox"/> | NO
<input type="checkbox"/> | Playground equipment has no openings 3 ½ to 9" to entrap a child's head. |
| YES
<input type="checkbox"/> | NO
<input type="checkbox"/> | Swings with chair seats are available for children under 5. Chair seats are not made of wood, metal, or heavy solid material. |

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- YES NO
 Swings with canvas sling seats are available for children over 5. There are no animal swings present.
- YES NO
 Swings have no open-ended hooks. Any "S" hooks are closed tightly at both ends.
- YES NO
 Hanging rings are less than 3 ½" or more than 10" in diameter (smaller or larger than a child's head).
- YES NO
 Seesaw equipment is designed to prevent pinching or crushing. Children between 2 and 5 years use only spring-loaded seesaws.
- YES NO
 Merry-go-rounds are installed so that a child cannot fit head or body beneath the turning platform.
- YES NO
 Sandboxes are located in the shade, have smooth frames, and are covered when not in use.
- YES NO
 Sandbox sand is raked at least every 2 weeks to remove debris.
- YES NO
 Pools are fenced in and closed to trespassers. They have been inspected and their safety equipment, sanitation, procedures, and supervision have been approved.
- YES NO
 Play areas are free of trash cans and poisonous plants and berries.
- YES NO
 Play areas have clean drinking water and lots of shade.
- YES NO
 Caregivers can easily view and entire play area.
- YES NO
 Caregivers closely supervise high-risk areas such as climbing equipment.
- YES NO
 Playgrounds with different-size equipment are provided for children 2 to 5 years and 12 years in separate areas.
- YES NO
 The caregiver gives specific safety instructions such as "Don't climb the tree" or Stay inside the fence."
- YES NO
 The caregiver looks around the playground for broken glass and other dangerous debris before permitting children to play.

SIGNATURE

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