



**DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES
CHILD CARE LICENSING DIVISION
FCCH PLAYGROUND SAFETY CHECKLIST
EVERY OTHER MONTH**

DATE _____

PROVIDER'S SIGNATURE _____

- _____ **All pools are locked to prevent child access.**
- _____ **All water hazards are locked to prevent child access.**
- _____ **Playground fencing (4 feet high or higher) and other required barriers, such as lattice fencing, etc. are in good repair.**
- _____ **Check all equipment and fencing for head entrapments.**
- _____ **No opening in the fence can exceed 3.5 inches.**
- _____ **Required barriers are in place for sheds and along foundation of homes.**
- _____ **Air conditioning units are gated off or covered if required by licensing.**
- _____ **All required gates are closed and locked to prevent child access.**
- _____ **Children have a safe walkway to playground area.**
- _____ **All sheds and outdoor storage areas are locked to prevent child access.**
- _____ **All vehicles, boats, etc. are removed from play area.**
- _____ **Steps in area have safe hand railings or sides are fenced if falling hazard.**
- _____ **Playground area has shade.**
- _____ **Screen patios must be in good repair.**
- _____ **Grass is mowed. Trees and bushes are trimmed up.**
- _____ **Playground area is free of poisonous plants and berries.**

- ___ **Playground is free of debris, broken glass, litter, etc.**
- ___ **Playground area is free of hazards (small choking rocks, large throwing rocks, water hose, yard equipment and tools, uncovered grill and cooking tools, etc.)**
- ___ **Playground area is free of ant mounds and pet feces.**
- ___ **Playground area is free of any standing water due to the weather.**
- ___ **Playground area has required ground covering (mulch or grass).**
- ___ **All equipment is in good repair; no broken pieces or sharp edges.**
- ___ **Always check metal slides and equipment for heat index before use.**
- ___ **Sandboxes should be covered and have drainage.**
- ___ **All sky forts must be safe for climbing and standing.**
- ___ **All stationary equipment must meet the new rule requirement for surface protection and provide resilience to reduce the incidence of injury due to falls.**
- ___ **Exposed concrete or hard anchoring material is covered.**
- ___ **All equipment has ample space to allow play without injuries.**
- ___ **Equipment is appropriate to size and development of the children.**
- ___ **Patios must have a clean, padded or carpeted area under small climbing equipment such as Little Tikes slides, climbers, etc.**
- ___ **Playground area is arranged for play and activities.**
- ___ **Ladders must be removed from trampolines. (Only school age children can use this piece of equipment).**
- ___ **All toys and equipment must be clean and sanitary.**
- ___ **All broken toys must be removed immediately.**