



Loss Prevention Topic



Playground Inspection

Your playgrounds represent a large general liability exposure to the operation. To adequately control this exposure, it is imperative that your staff understand how to correctly access the hazards and effectively reduce the potential for accidents occurring on the playground.

Playground inspections should be carried out at least on a monthly basis, by a competent person. During higher use periods (i.e., fall and spring) it is recommended that inspections be performed on a daily basis.

The following steps will help aid your staff in properly accessing and controlling the hazards associated with your playgrounds. All items check "Unsat." should receive the proper corrective action immediately. Details can be noted under "Comments" and in the "Notes" sections at the end of the checklist.

Date of Inspection: _____ Inspected By: _____

Area Inspected: _____

Playground Surfaces	Sat.	Unsat.	N/A	Comments
Surface materials appropriate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Surface Thickness Correct? (12")	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does it extend 6 ft. beyond equipment in all directions?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
For swings, does it extend twice the height of the suspending bar to the back and front?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Any holes or gaps that need filling in?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Hardware	Sat.	Unsat.	N/A	Comments
Open "S" hooks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Exposed screws, bolts?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Protruding end bolts?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Exposed wires, broken fences?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Any other unsafe condition present?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Grounds	Sat.	Unsat.	N/A	Comments
Any tripping hazards, exposed concrete footing, tree stumps, rocks, etc.?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Any broken glass, cans, nails, etc?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Any animal feces in the area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Equipment	Sat.	Unsat.	N/A	Comments
Do elevated surfaces (platforms, ramps) have guardrails in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the equipment properly anchored?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is there at least 9 ft. between play structures > 30" high?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are there spaces that could trap children (i.e., in guardrails/ladder rungs), < 3.5" or > 9"?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Any sharp points or edges on equipment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is equipment in good overall condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

