

Play Area Inspection and Maintenance Checklist

General Upkeep

- The entire playground is free from debris and litter (soda cans, bottles, glass, etc.).
- There are no hazardous or toxic materials present (power tools, fertilizer).
- There are no trip hazards (exposed footings or anchoring device; rocks or roots).
- There are no insect nests or toxic plants.
- There is no animal waste on the playground.

Fall Zones and Surfacing

- There is adequate protective surfacing under and around the equipment.
- Loose-fill surfacing (mulch, wood chips) is free from foreign objects or debris.
- Loose-fill surfacing has not been displaced under heavy use areas (under swings; slide exits).
- Loose-fill surfacing is not compacted.
- There are no holes, flakes, and/or buckling of unitary surfacing materials (asphalt or concrete).

Equipment

- Equipment is free from rust, rot, cracks, insect damage, or splinters (esp. ground contact areas).
- All equipment is securely anchored.
- There are no hazardous protrusions, sharp points, corners or edges on the equipment.
- There are no broken or missing components (hand or guardrails, protective barriers, steps, or rungs)
- There are no damaged fences, benches, or signs.
- There are no potential clothing entanglement hazards (open S-hooks or protruding bolts).
- There are no modifications to the equipment (ropes tied to equipment, swings looped over top rails).
- There are no crush and shearing points on exposed moving parts.
- Moving parts are not worn (swing hangers, merry-go-round bearings, and track rides).
- There are no loose fastening devices, worn connections, or damaged protective caps or plugs.
- Plastic equipment is free from cracks and sharp edges.

Painted Surfaces

- 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.

Drainage:

- The entire play area has satisfactory drainage (esp. heavy use areas: under swings and slide exits).

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INSPECTION BY: _____

DATE OF INSPECTION: _____