

Playground Inspection Weekly Checklist



Hazard Ranking Classification

- **Class “A” Hazard:** A condition or practice with the potential for permanent disability, loss of life or body part, and/or extensive loss of structure, equipment or material. Corrective action should be immediate
- **Class “B” Hazard:** A condition or practice with the potential for serious injury or illness (resulting in serious or temporary disability) or property damage that is disruptive but less so than Class “A”. Corrective action should be completed within 15 days
- **Class “C” Hazard:** A condition or practice with the potential for injury of illness, or disruptive (non-disabling) property damage. Corrective action should be completed within 30 days

General Conditions	Compliant ✓ (YES)	Non-Comp ✓ (NO)	Priority Rating A,B OR C	Comments
1. Other surfaces and pathways- Check for worn patches, holes, and cracks,				
2. Park furnishings- Check for broken, upturned, or otherwise damaged furnishings.				
3. Plastics, fibreglass, rubber- Check for splitting, cracking, breaking, discoloration, scorching or burnt areas, abrasion, or wear.				
4. Protective surfacing- Check for compacted, eroded, unsanitary, or littered surfacing; that has been displaced to an ineffective level; and surfacing that is not extensive enough to cover the recommended area.				
5. Roads, sidewalks, and pathways- Check for unevenness, frost damage, and poor drainage.				
6. Ropes and cables- Check for worn spots, fraying, vandalism, degradation, deteriorating joints and splicing, insecure attachments, and ropes tied to equipment.				
7. Sand facilities- Check for rancid sand, debris, insufficient sand, and need for raking. Check that the lid is in good condition.				
8. Swing Seats- Check for missing, damaged, or loosened seats; sharp edges or corners; and insecure fittings or attachments				

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9. Site- Remove foreign objects such as nails, glass, ponding water, sharp objects, litter, and syringes, and any entanglements such as scarves, skipping ropes, shoelaces, and belts.				
10. Surface finishes- Check for missing protective coats, splinters, and initial signs of rust or corrosion.				
11. Water facilities- Check for leaks, clogged drains, improper drainage, debris, and growths.				
12. Access/egress- Check for missing or broken rungs, steps, or threads; loosened or missing planks; splinters in handholds; and blocked exits.				
13. Crush points- Check for broken covers exposing crush points; exposed mechanisms.				
14. Decay deterioration- Check for rust, cracks, decay or rot, heavy wear, and evidence of insect attacks.				
15. Drainage- Check for plugged drain holes; drain holes in tires, equipment, or hollow components. Special attention should be paid to heavy use areas such as those under swings and slide exit regions.				
16. Edges- Check for protrusions, sharp points, or sharp edges.				
17. Enclosures and fences- Check that enclosures and fences are not broken, tilted, or otherwise damaged.				
18. Equipment protective surfacing- Check for obstacles in equipment protective zones.				
19. Foundations- Check that foundations are not eroded, beginning to rot, loose in the ground, or exposed.				
20. Guards, handrails- Check for missing, bent, broken, loosened, burnt, or wobbly guards and handrails.				

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21. Hardware- Check for loosened, missing, bent, worn, or open hooks or rings; protruding nails or hardware; and missing protective caps.				
22. Lead paint- Use non-lead-based paints in all new equipment and when repainting existing equipment to eliminate the risk of childhood lead poisoning from playground equipment.				
23. Lubrication- Check for noisy or squeaky motion.				
24. Moving parts- Check for worn bearings, jammed or non-functioning equipment, lack of lubrication, excessive motion, noisy motion, missing protective pieces, or loose spring castings.				
25. Needles- Remove needles in a safe manner. Do not handle them directly; use personal protective gloves, or a tool such as pliers, etc. Contact local authorities.				
26. Structure- Check for bending, warping, scorching, cracking, loosening, breaking, distortion, vandalism, uneven surface, splintering, or decaying wood, corroded or damaged wood, corroded or damaged metal, exposed footings, and unstable anchoring of equipment.				
28. Other general hazards- Check for potential clothing entanglement hazards and open s-hooks. Check for trip hazards, such as exposed footings on anchoring devices, or rocks, roots, or any other environmental obstacles in the play area. Children should remove helmets, other than those worn for medical reasons, prior to play on the equipment. Remove all ropes and skipping ropes tied to the equipment.				

Date _____

Signature _____