

# Playground Inspection Checklist

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\* The Child Care Health Consultation Program cannot certify the safety of your playground. Child Care Health Consultants provide technical assistance and consultation only. Please refer to the guidelines and recommendations in the US Consumer Product Safety Commission Public Playground Safety Handbook.

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<b>Protective Surfacing</b>			
The equipment has adequate protective surfacing under and around it and the surfacing materials have not deteriorated.			
Loose-fill surfacing materials have no foreign objects or debris.			
Loose-fill surfacing materials are not compacted and do not have reduced depth in heavy use areas such as under swings or at slide exits.			

<b>General Hazards</b>			
There are no sharp points, corners or edges on the equipment.			

<p>There are no missing or damaged protective caps or plugs.</p>			
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<p>There are no hazardous protrusions or projections.</p>			
<p>There are no potential clothing entanglement hazards, such as open S-hooks or protruding bolts.</p>			
<p>There are no areas where entrapment can occur, such as openings at the top of slides, between platforms, climbers, or partially bounded openings.</p>			
<p>There are no pinch, crush, and shearing points or exposed moving parts.</p>			
<p>There are no trip hazards, such as exposed footings on anchoring devices and rocks, roots or any other environmental obstacles in the play area.</p>			

<b>Deterioration of Equipment</b>			
The equipment has no rust, rot, cracks or splinters, especially where it comes in contact with the ground.			

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There are no broken or missing components on the equipment (e.g., handrails, guardrails, protective barriers, steps or rungs on ladders) and there are no damaged fences, benches or signs on the playground.			
All equipment is securely anchored.			

Security of Hardware			
There are no loose fastening devices or worn connections, such as S-hooks.			
Moving components, such as swing hangers or merry-go-round bearings, are not worn.			

Paint			
The paint used on the playground equipment has not deteriorated as noted by peeling, cracking, chipping, or chalking.			

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<b>Drainage Systems</b>			
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<p>The entire play area has satisfactory drainage especially in high use areas such as under swings and at slide exits.</p>			
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<p><b>General Upkeep of Playgrounds</b></p>			
<p>The entire playground is free from miscellaneous debris or litter such as tree branches, soda cans, bottles, glass, etc.</p>			
<p>There are no missing trash receptacles.</p>			
<p>Trash receptacles are not full.</p>			

**Other Comments:**

- Adapted for use for KY Child Care Health Consultation Program from the US Consumer Products Safety Commission's Handbook for Public Playground Safety, Pub. No. 325, Appendix A, Suggested General Maintenance Checklist and NTI Training Institute Playground Safety checklist.
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