

Playground Safety Checklist

General		OK	NO	Slides		OK	NO
1.	Equipment stable. No deterioration in footings and joints	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.	There is an 8-ft. obstruction-free zone in front of the exit area and a 6-ft. zone on all sides.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Equipment complete, no missing parts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.	Slope support frames are straight, and don't have finger entrapment areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	No warping/bending of members.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.	Slide is of one-piece construction or connections are of lap-joint construction rather than butt-joint construction.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Free from pinch or crush points.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.	There is clear line-of-straight from top to bottom of the slide.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	Free from sharp points and corners.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.	If slide is stainless steel, it is oriented to prevent the sun from heating the slide surface.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	Concrete footing appropriately buried.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Head/Finger Entrapment				Swings			
1.	No openings between 3/8" to 1".	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.	Swing crossbeam height is 8 ft. or less.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	No openings between 3" to 9".	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.	Swings are hung 18 inches apart.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	No angles greater than 55 degrees.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.	Swing seats are free of exposed metal parts or sharp hardware.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				4.	S locks and other connectors are fully enclosed and secure.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hardware				Spinning Equipment/Merry-Go-Round			
1.	Hardware complete, securely attached and without any deterioration.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.	Platform is level and stays level when unevenly loaded.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Fasteners and connecting devices require tools to loosen/remove.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.	Distance between the bottom of the whirl and ground is less than 3 inches.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
				3.	Equipment is free of open framework and gaps in the central support post.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ladders				Sand Boxes			
1.	Slide ladders are fully enclosed and don't trap surfacing material.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.	Sand is within the framework and free of foreign matter.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Ladders have slope of 50-75 degrees.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.	Box is in a quiet, shady place.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Steps are at least 15' wide.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
4.	Steps are evenly spaced and are between 9" and 11" apart.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Maintenance			
5.	Stairways and ladders with steps have continuous handrails on both sides.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1.	Maintenance is regularly scheduled and accomplished.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	Step finish is slip-resistant.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.	Maintenance personnel understand appropriate safety standards.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Play Areas				3.	Equipment is kept in safe working condition.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.	Free of tripping and falling hazards such as protruding roots and rocks, or other obstacles such as drain pipes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
2.	The area has good drainage.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				
3.	There is an 8-ft. fall zone around each piece of equipment, unless otherwise specified.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				