

Playground Inspection Checklist

Date: _____

Name of Playground: _____

Inspected By: _____

Equipment/Area to Inspect	Acceptable	Not Acceptable	Action Taken/Notes
Tot Swing			
Belt Swing			
Tire Swing			
Slides			
See Saws/Rockers			
Climbers			
Merry Go Rounds/ Whirlers			
Composite Play Structure (1)			
Composite Play Structure (2)			
General Site Conditions			
Other			

Additional Notes:

Inspection Details

Chains

- Check for bent, worn, open links/pinch points/rust/rough edges

S-Hooks/Fastening Devices

- Check for excessive wear or cracking
- Check to make sure the S-Hooks are properly closed
- Never reuse S-Hooks

Seats

- Check all rubber seats for wear, sharp edges/points and burn damage/safety
- Check that the bar on tot seats is intact and secure
- Check tires for wear and sharp protrusions
- Ensure all fastening points are secure

Hangers bearings

- Check for excessive play in bearings and bushings
- Lubricate nuts, bolts, grease fittings, moving parts as required, wipe off excess oil or grease.
- Replace corroded bolts and rivets
- Check that clamps are secure

Stability in ground/tilting

- Structures should not easily sway, check connections are solid and properly adjusted
- Check alignment of supports, platforms, barriers, etc.
- Check for any signs of sinking
- Check all posts (wood and steel) in ground for corrosion or rot

Entanglement points/areas

- Check for gaps that could entangle clothing, drawstrings, etc.
- Pay particular attention to sitting and sliding sections of slides and entrance of sliding poles

End/centre fittings

- Check that nuts and bolts of clamps and fittings are secure
- Check for sharp-edged, cracked, or broken fittings

Chain covers

- Check all fastening points – top and bottom
- Check for damaged covers and visible signs of wear on swing chain

Hand/safety railings, support bars/legs, steps, and fastening points

- Check for splitting, splinters, protruding bolts or nails
- Check all welds
- Check that all bolts and nuts are secure

Sidewalls of slide

- Check for protruding bolts or rivet heads, missing or loose bolts, ensure all are properly fastened and secure
- Check all welds
- Check for rust or corrosion, metal fatigue and rough/sharp edges

Entrapment point/areas

- All angles, joining points, or openings shall be less than 90 mm (3.5in) or more than 225 mm (9in) to minimize the chance of head/neck entrapment
- Check for pinch, crush, or shear points which could cause injury

Stairs/steps

- Check all platforms and stairs and steps for safety
- Check welds at all steel joints
- Check all bolts for secure and proper fastening

Plastic components

- Check for cracks, sharp edges, discolouration, scorching/burn damage, abrasion and excess wear or other damage
- Ensure components are properly fastened and secure

Spring and bar

- Check and secure mounts
- Check springs carefully for stability, tilting, exposed concrete fittings
- Check hand and footbars are in place and secure

Handles

- Must be securely fastened
- Check welds, bolt, etc.
- Check for sharp points/bending, warping, or uneven

Pivot Points

- Test pivot points for free movement
- Check swivels and bearings for excess wear

Protrusions/ Nuts and Bolts

- Check for protruding, loose, worn, rusted, or corroded hardware
- Properly grease/lubricate where required, remove excess lubricant
- Check for and file sharp edges
- Replace broken cap covers
- Cap all open-ended pipes with plastic plugs

Protective Surfacing/Ground Clearance

- Ensure proper spacing between equipment, protective surfacing zones, and no-encroachment zone(s) as required and specified in CSA Standard
- Check border edging material for cracking, chipping, splintering, decay, or damage
- Check for exposed concrete/ensure adequate depth protective surfacing material under and around equipment for a minimum of 1800 mm (72in) or as required and specified in CSA Standard
- Ensure surfacing material loose, not compacted and free of debris, broken glass, needles, animal defecation, etc.
- Check sand areas and protective surfacing materials for compaction
- Check entire playspace for debris and litter, broken glass, needles or syringes, animal defecation, etc.

Signs

- Check for any visible damage or graffiti
- Check for proper pedestrian head clearance
- Check fastening points

Fencing

- Inspect for any visible damage
- Check for any protruding points, fence fabric, hardware (bolts, nuts, etc.)
- Check for attachments, eg. skipping ropes