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| **Playground Safety Checklist** |
| Town / Agency: | Location: |
| Date: | Name of Inspector: |
| The Safety Director recommends this survey be completed monthly and made a part of your permanent records for each playground. Items found to *Need Work* should be described on the rear of the form by writing line # and a description of the condition found. |
|  | N/A | Needs work | OK | Condition surveyed |
| **General Area** |
| 1 |  |  |  | Signage (hours of operation, rules, age, and contact information) legible |
| 2 |  |  |  | Area free of vandalism (broken glass, graffiti, excessive trash) |
| 3 |  |  |  | Sidewalks and stairs / ramps free of significant trip or slip hazards |
| 4 |  |  |  | Area free of standing water & trip hazards such as roots & rocks |
| 5 |  |  |  | Perimeter fencing and gates in good condition |
| 6 |  |  |  | Vegetation / landscaping maintained & does not present security hazard |
| 7 |  |  |  | Area free of dead trees / branches and other safety hazards  |
| **Use Zones** |
| 8 |  |  |  | Use zones extend at least 6’ beyond all equipment (2x height for swings) |
| 9 |  |  |  | Loose fill (mulch, rubber, sand) is at proper height (min. 9” for wood fiber) |
| 10 |  |  |  | Loose fill is free of standing water and vegetation |
| 11 |  |  |  | Poured-in-place surfacing and mats / tiles are in good condition |
| 12 |  |  |  | Use zone is free of obstructions (picnic tables, trees, or wires lower than 84”) |
| 13 |  |  |  | Border of Use Zone does not present tripping hazard |
| **Play Structures & Equipment** |
| 14 |  |  |  | Play structures (columns, connectors, steps, crosspieces, caps) are in good condition |
| 15 |  |  |  | Play structures are free of cracks, bending, warping, rusting or breakage |
| 16 |  |  |  | Play structures are firmly anchored & footings are covered with protective surface |
| 17 |  |  |  | Area over structures clear of branches / wires at least 84 inches. |
| 18 |  |  |  | Paint and other treatments are not peeling |
| 19 |  |  |  | Equipment is free of protruding bolts (less than 2 threads). Hardware is tight. |
| 20 |  |  |  | Barriers & guardrails: firmly attached and vertical spacing not between 3½ - 9 in. |
| 21 |  |  |  | Swings: Links of chain are worn less than 25% of thickness |
| 22 |  |  |  | Seats are not damaged |
| 23 |  |  |  | S-hooks are closed (less than 0.04” or thickness of dime) |
| 24 |  |  |  | Climbers: Handholds, bars, and foot supports are secure and in good condition |
| 25 |  |  |  | Handholds & supports free of sharp edges and protruding welds / joints |
| 26 |  |  |  | Ropes: rope is not excessively worn, no slack, and secured at both ends |
| 27 |  |  |  | Slides: slide bed way, sides and exit area are in good condition |
| 28 |  |  |  | Track slides: slide mechanism moves freely and free of finger hazards |
| 29 |  |  |  | Seesaw: firmly attached to fulcrum, handles firm, and bumpers in good condition |
| 30 |  |  |  | Merry-go-round: speed limiter working properly, handles & platform are good |
| 31 |  |  |  | Play sand: free of animal feces and/or insects. Raked. |
| **Ancillary Equipment** |
| 32 |  |  |  | Bathrooms are clean, supplies adequate, and trash emptied |
| 33 |  |  |  | Athletic fields and courts are in good condition |
| 34 |  |  |  | Picnic / park benches in good condition.  |
| 35 |  |  |  | Drinking fountain and emergency phone working properly |