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Playground Safety Inspection Checklist

General Site Assessment

Overall impression of the playground. Includes considerations for surfacing, fencing, and landscaping.

Overall Playground Condition (Brief Description)

Write something...

Approximate Playground Area (Square Feet)

Enter a number...

Type of Playground (e.g., Public, School, Daycare)

☐ Public

☐ School

☐ Daycare

☐ Residential

☐ Other

Age Range of Primary Users

☐ Under 5

☐ 5-12

☐ 12+

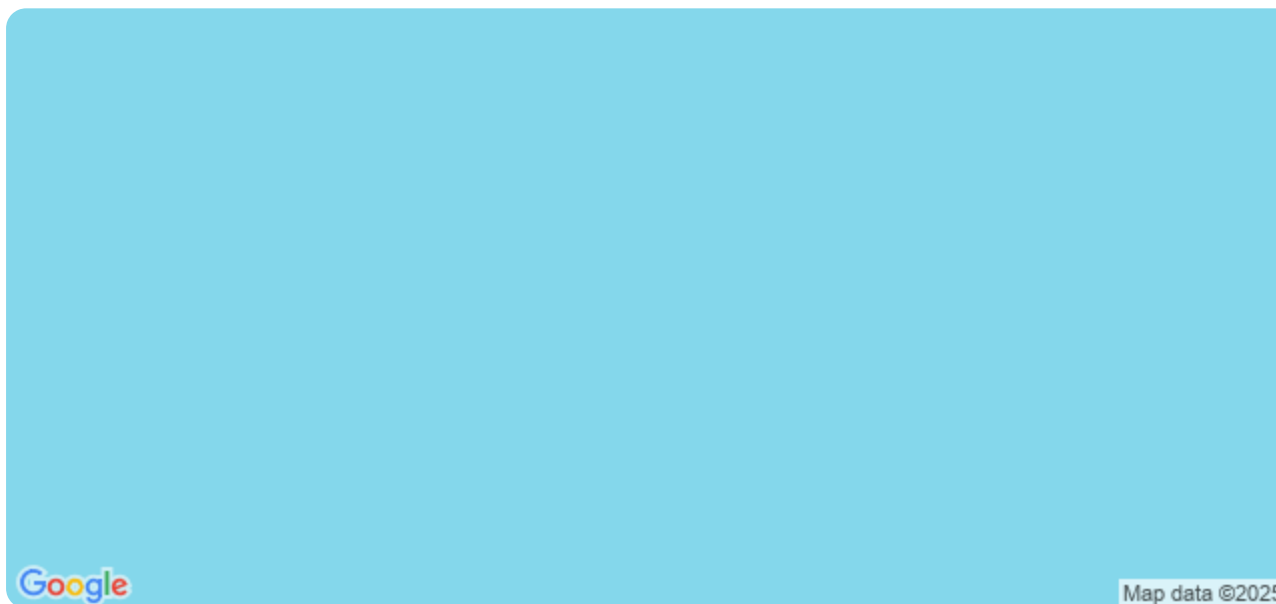☐ Mixed Ages

Date of Last Significant Renovation/Upgrade

Enter date...

Notes on Surrounding Environment (e.g., proximity to street, noise levels)

Write something...

GPS Coordinates of Playground

📍 Set My Current Location

Surfacing Inspection

Evaluation of the playground surfacing material for depth, condition, and appropriate use under and around equipment.

Surfacing Depth - Under Swing Set (inches)

Enter a number...

Surfacing Depth - Under Slide (inches)

Enter a number...

Surfacing Depth - Around Climbing Structure (inches)

Enter a number...

Surfacing Type

☐ Engineered Wood Fiber

☐ Rubber Mulch

☐ Poured-in-Place Rubber

☐ Rubber Tiles

☐ Sand

☐ Pea Gravel

☐ Other (Specify Below)

If 'Other' surfacing type selected, please specify:

Write something...

Surfacing Condition

☐ Excellent - No signs of wear or degradation.

☐ Good - Minor wear, within acceptable limits.

☐ Fair - Noticeable wear, requiring future attention.

☐ Poor - Significant degradation, immediate repair needed.

Describe any observed damage or deficiencies in the surfacing:

Write something...

Attach photos of surfacing (optional):

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Equipment Inspection - Structural Integrity

Assessment of the structural components of playground equipment, including posts, platforms, and supports.

Post Depth (inches) - Slide Structure

Enter a number...

Platform Thickness (inches) - Climbing Structure

Enter a number...

Evidence of Rot/Decay on Wood Posts?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ N/A - Metal Structure

Rust/Corrosion Present on Metal Supports?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Minor

Describe any observed structural damage (cracks, bends, etc.)

Write something...

Distance Between Support Posts (feet)

Enter a number...

Are support beams securely anchored?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Uncertain

Upload Photo of structural concern (if any)

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Equipment Inspection - Hardware & Fasteners

Checking bolts, screws, rivets, and other fasteners for tightness and corrosion.

Check each fastener type and assess its condition:

- [ ] Bolts
- [ ] Screws
- [ ] Rivets
- [ ] Nuts
- [ ] Washers

Number of loose/missing bolts/screws observed:

Enter a number...

Number of corroded fasteners observed:

Enter a number...

Fastener corrosion level (if applicable):

- [ ] None
- [ ] Minor
- [ ] Moderate
- [ ] Severe

Description of any damaged or compromised fasteners:

Write something...

Upload photos of any concerning fasteners (optional):

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Are all fasteners of the correct type and size for the application?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Any additional notes regarding hardware and fasteners:

Write something...

Equipment Inspection - Moving Parts

Evaluation of swings, slides, seesaws, and other moving parts for proper function and safety.

Swing Chain Length (inches)

Enter a number...

Swing Seat Height (inches)

Enter a number...

Slide Condition (Surface)

☐ Smooth

☐ Slightly Rough

☐ Rough/Damaged

☐ Significant Damage

Seesaw Movement

☐ Smooth

☐ Jerky

☐ Restricted

☐ Unstable

Carousel/Merry-Go-Round Issues

☐ Cracked/Broken Surface

☐ Loose Bolts

☐ Excessive Movement

☐ Noisy Operation

☐ None

Describe any unusual noises or movement observed in any moving equipment.

Write something...

Distance between swing seats (feet)

Enter a number...

Fall Zone & Accessibility

Ensuring adequate fall zones around equipment and accessibility for users with disabilities.

Minimum Fall Height for Equipment (inches)

Enter a number...

Fall Zone Depth (inches) Around Slide

Enter a number...

Fall Zone Depth (inches) Around Swings

Enter a number...

Surfacing Material Type in Fall Zones

☐ Engineered Wood Fiber

☐ Rubber Mulch

☐ Poured-in-Place Rubber

☐ Sand

☐ Pea Gravel

☐ Other (Specify)

If 'Other' surfacing material selected, please specify:

Write something...

Is the playground accessible according to ADA guidelines?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not Applicable

Accessibility Features Present?

☐ Accessible Route to Playground

☐ Accessible Surfacing

☐ Transfer Stations

☐ Accessible Equipment

☐ Signage in Accessible Formats

Notes on Accessibility Observations (if any issues found)

Write something...

Hazard Identification & Removal

Identifying and addressing potential hazards such as protruding objects, entanglement risks, and trip hazards.

Identify any Protruding Objects (nails, screws, sharp edges)?

☐ Yes - Document Location

☐ No

☐ N/A - No protruding objects present

Describe any Entanglement Hazards (rope, clothing, hair)

Write something...

Number of Trip Hazards Identified (e.g., exposed roots, uneven surfacing)

Enter a number...

Describe any condition leading to chemical hazards (e.g., rotting wood, treated lumber)

Write something...

Evidence of Vandalism or Damage?

☐ Yes - Detail Below

☐ No

Details Regarding Vandalism or Damage (if applicable)

Write something...

Attach photos of identified hazards

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Date Hazard Remediation Required (if applicable)

Enter date...

Signage and Documentation

Verification of proper signage regarding age appropriateness, rules, and contact information.

Playground Capacity Signage Present?

Write something...

Age Appropriateness Signage Present?

Write something...

Emergency Contact Information Posted?

Write something...

Describe any missing or damaged signage observed:

Write something...

Last Signage Review Date:

Enter date...

Signage Condition (Good, Fair, Poor):

Write something...

Upload Photo of Signage (if needed)

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