



PLAYGROUND CHECKLIST

HOW SAFE IS YOUR PLAYGROUND?

EQUIPMENT

YES NO

Fall Height & Fall Zones

- Is the fall height less than 1.8m from all items of equipment? (Early Childhood)
- Is the fall height less than 3.0m from all items of equipment? (All other settings)
- Is there a minimum clearances around each item of equipment?

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Under-surfacing

- Is there impact absorbing material under all items of equipment 600mm or greater in height?
- Is the under-surfacing well maintained? (200mm minimum deep loose fill material)

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Design Hazards

- Is the play area free of head entrapment spaces – openings between 89mm – 230mm? (600mm or more off the ground)
- Is any moving equipment free from potential wedging or crushing points?
- Are there sturdy guard rails and handrails appropriate to a child's grip size? (16-45mm)
- Does the equipment design prevent possible climbing on the outside of the structure?

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Maintenance

- Is the equipment frame stable and free from movement?
- Is the equipment free from rust, cracks or broken items?
- Are timber items on the equipment free from rotted or splintered wood?
- Is the area free from any protruding bolts or sharp edges on the equipment?
- Is the play space area free from loose stones or gravel?
- Is the play area free from trip hazards?
- Is the play area free from tree branches at eye level or exposed tree roots?

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If you answered **NO** to any of these, the playground could be in need of attention!



OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Age appropriate Design

Does the play area have separate areas for different age groups?

YES NO

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Is positive signage indicating the recommended age groups for equipment provided?

Location

Do you believe that the playground area is adequately separated from environmental hazards?

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Do you believe that the playground is adequately separated from busy roadways?

Shade

Are there shade structures or trees offering shade over the playground area?

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Supervision

Is there some place nearby for adults to sit and easily view children on the equipment?

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Are there rules posted regarding expected behaviour?

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Onsite Facilities

Are there facilities such as toilets, drink fountains that are easily accessible from the play area?

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Is there appropriate access for users with disabilities?

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