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| Recreation Department  Playground Safety Check**list**  **Recommended frequency Quarterly (November-March & Monthly April-October)** | | | | | |
| **Municipality:** | | | | | **Inspection Date: / 201** |
| **Name of Inspector:** | | | | | **Title:** |
| **Location Surveyed:** | | | | | **Date of last Audit: / / \_\_\_\_\_\_ U/K** |
| **Do you have a hardcopy of CPSC 325? Y N** | | | | | **Maintain a complete file on each playground** |
| **#** | Needs  Work | **OK** | **N/A** | **CONDITION: Write line #’s & comments on back for all “Needs Work” listings, and notify management to initiate required corrective action** | |
|  |  | **CPSC’s “Dirty Dozen”** | | | |
| **1** |  |  |  | Surfacing compacted or inadequate? Need minimum of 9 inches of wood mulch | |
| **2** |  |  |  | **Inadequate fall zone**: minimum fall zone of 6 foot in all directions for all equipment? | |
| **3** |  |  |  | Deformation of open “S” hooks, (dime fits) shackles, rings or links | |
| **4** |  |  |  | **Entrapment**: Space between slats of barriers & guardrails is not between 3 1/2-9 inches | |
| **5** |  |  |  | **Equipment spacing:** Minimum 12’ between adjacent structures? | |
| **6** |  |  |  | **Trip hazards** such as roots, rocks, etc and poor drainage areas, | |
| **7** |  |  |  | Proper Signage – Rules, Hours **and Age Appropriate equipment** segregated | |
| **9** |  |  |  | **Lack of maintenance:** Lack of lubrication on moving parts, Worn bearings | |
| **10** |  |  |  | Fencing damaged, exposed sharp edges, end caps missing? no fence | |
| **11** |  |  |  | **Platforms with no guardrails**: if over 30” should have guardrails | |
| **12** |  |  |  | Remove banned equipment: 2 person or heavy swings, climb ropes fastened both ends | |
|  |  | **General Conditions Age range:  2-5 Tot  5-12 School age** | | | |
| **13** |  |  |  | All overhead wires or tree branches above 84 inches? **□** no wires | |
| **14** |  |  |  | Accessible to handicapped? Ramps 36' min. wide, w/ slope between 1:20 and 1:12. Max | |
| **15** |  |  |  | Visible cracks, bending, warping, rusting or breakage of any component? | |
| **16** |  |  |  | Vandalism (broken glass, trash, graffiti, etc.) | |
| **17** |  |  |  | Surfacing material thin, (< 9”) worn or scattered (in landing pits, etc.) | |
| **18** |  |  |  | Worn swing hangers and chains, Broken or missing rails, steps, rungs or seats | |
| **19** |  |  |  | Missing, damaged or loose swing seats; heavy seats with sharp edges or corners | |
| **20** |  |  |  | Broken or damaged supports / anchors, footings exposed, cracked, loose in ground | |
| **21** |  |  |  | No Loose bolts, nuts, corrosion, splintered, cracked or otherwise deteriorated wood | |
| **22** |  |  |  | Exposed ends of tubing that should be covered by plugs or caps Exposed footers? | |
| **23** |  |  |  | Protruding bolt ends (more than 2 threads) without smooth finished caps & covers? | |
| **24** |  |  |  | Chipped or peeling paint check if installed before **1978** Lead Paint is possible | |
| **25** |  |  |  | Low hanging, dead tree limbs removed? (anything under 84”) | |
| **26** |  |  |  | Are there any insect, (bees, wasps & spiders) nests in hollow equipment – loose anchorages | |
| Special Equipment | | | | | |
| **27** |  |  |  | Seesaw fulcrum is fixed, enclosed, or designed to prevent crush & shear; no footrests | |
| **28** |  |  |  | All gymnastic equipment removed, i.e., trapeze bars or rings, PAR courses separate | |
| **29** |  |  |  | Merry-go round, have handgrips, essentially round, no greater than 9 in above surface | |
| **30** |  |  |  | Sides of bed ways on slides are minimum 4" high | |
| **31** |  |  |  | Sliding pole is max. 1.9" D and continuous w/ no protruding welds or joints Not for Tot! | |
| **32** |  |  |  | Steps/rungs do not allow accumulation of water or debris | |
|  |  | **Ancillary Activities or Equipment Not Applicable skip lines 32-35** | | | |
| 33 |  |  |  | Sand play is located in shaded area, inspected & raked weekly to remove debris. | |
| **34** |  |  |  | Tall pole lamps are visually inspected for cracks and dents | |
| **35** |  |  |  | Benches, tables and trash receptacles are located outside use zones? | |
| **36** |  |  |  | Pesticides and herbicides are not used in the playground area? | |