

PLAYGROUND SAFETY SELF INSPECTION CHECKLIST:

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU USE THIS CHECKLIST TO COMPLETE PERIODIC SAFETY CHECKS OF THE OUTDOOR PLAY AREA TO REDUCE THE POTENTIAL FOR ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES.

OTHER WAYS TO MAKE THE PLAYGROUND SAFE INCLUDE TALKING TO THE CHILDREN ABOUT THE RULES OF HOW TO USE THE EQUIPMENT; PROPER PLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT TO ALLOW TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE EQUIPMENT; POSITIONING THE STAFF FOR MAXIMUM SUPERVISION OF ALL CHILDREN, AND STAFF ATTENTIVENESS TO WHAT CHILDREN ARE DOING; SEPARATE PLAY AREAS FOR DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS OR VARIED SCHEDULES FOR OUTDOOR PLAY TIMES; AND LIMITING THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN DIFFERENT AREAS. KEEP IN MIND THAT NOT ALL PLAY EQUIPMENT IS MANUFACTURED WITH MULTIPLE CHILDREN IN MIND OR FOR MULTIPLE AGE GROUPS

NAME OF CHILD CARE PROGRAM _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK THE EQUIPMENT FOR CRACKS, BENDING, WARPS, RUSTING, OR BREAKAGE OF ANY COMPONENT | <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK FOR TRIPPING HAZARDS, SUCH AS EXPOSED FOOTINGS, ROOTS, ROCKS, ETC. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK WOODEN SLIDES FOR SPLINTERING WOOD WHERE LEGS AND HANDS TOUCH | <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK FOR SLIPPING HAZARDS, SUCH AS SAND ON WALKWAYS OR PAVEMENT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK METAL SLIDES THAT THEY DO NOT BECOME TOO HOT WHEN THE SUN SHINES DOWN ON THEM | <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK TIRES FOR POOLING WATER, BEE HIVES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK FOR ANY CRACKED TOYS THAT MAY POSE A PINCHING HAZARD | <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK FOR BROKEN SUPPORTS/ANCHORS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK FOR LOOSE NUTS, BOLTS, AND CAPS OR PROTRUDING BOLTS WITH SHARP EDGES AND NO CAPS | <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK FOR LACK OF LUBRICATION ON MOVING PARTS. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK FOR SPLINTERING WOOD ON PLAY EQUIPMENT, PICNIC TABLES, AND WOODEN FENCES | <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK FOR POOR DRAINAGE AREAS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK FOR PROTRUDING NAILS ON PLAY EQUIPMENT OR FENCES | <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK FOR CHIPPING OR PEELING PAINT ON ALL TOYS, EQUIPMENT, AND BUILDINGS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK FOR RUSTY EQUIPMENT AND TOYS ACCESSIBLE TO CHILDREN | <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK FOR SHARP EDGES AND POINTS ON TOYS, FENCES, PLAY EQUIPMENT, ETC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK THE CHAINS ON SWINGS TO SEE THAT THEY ARE SECURELY ATTACHED | <input type="checkbox"/> MONITOR FENCE FOR THORNY PLANTS OR BUSHES THAT MAY BE ACCESSIBLE TO CHILDREN'S REACH |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK FOR VANDALISM (BROKEN GLASS, TRASH) | <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK TO SEE THAT ALL GATES ON POOL FENCES ARE LATCHED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MONITOR SAND AND PLAY AREA FOR ANIMAL FECES, POISONOUS PLANTS, MUSHROOMS | <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK TO SEE THAT ALL SELF LATCHING DEVICES ON GATES ARE FUNCTIONING PROPERLY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK THE ENERGY ABSORPTIVE MATERIAL UNDER AND AROUND THE PLAY EQUIPMENT, RAKE IF NECESSARY | <input type="checkbox"/> CHECK TO SEE THAT THERE ARE NO CONTAINERS OF STANDING WATER, WHICH COULD POSE A DROWNING HAZARD |

SIGNATURE AND POSITION OF STAFF MEMBER COMPLETING SELF INSPECTION

DATE OF SELF INSPECTION