

PLAYGROUND CONDITIONS CHECKLIST



School: _____
Date: _____
Recess Session: _____ Grades: _____
Conditions Assessor: _____

Each playground area should be frequently assessed to identify general safety or maintenance conditions that may be hazardous to children playing. This checklist can be used to observe daily conditions, before each time children enter the playground area, and any hazardous conditions should be remedied by either the playground supervisor/ monitor or maintenance personnel.*

SCHOOLYARD / PAVED AREAS

- 1) Yes / No / NA Are there any areas of pavement that have wide cracks, tree root damage or trip hazards protruding from the surface?
- 2) Yes / No / NA Are there any slippery conditions on the pavement such as that caused by liquids, poor drainage, ice, or loose gravel, sand or mulch?
- 3) Yes / No / NA Are games on pavement worn or peeling, and insufficient for use?
- 4) Yes / No / NA Have any areas of the pavement been vandalized?

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AREAS

- 5) Yes / No / NA Is equipment broken or deteriorated including loose bolts, missing end caps, cracks, rust, rot, holes, damaged or peeling paint, loose anchoring, etc. or vandalized?
- 6) Yes / No / NA Do swing chains hang properly with no modifications such as wrapped around top support, twisted or kinked?
- 7) Yes / No / NA Does the area have improper surfacing coverage that is too thin, has been displaced, damaged or buckled, over concrete footings, under swings, and at heavy use areas such as slide exits or steps?

GENERAL AREAS

- 8) Yes / No / NA Are there any insect infestations (bees, wasps, hornets or other) that can be harmful to children?
- 9) Yes / No / NA Are there any sticks, rocks, dropped school supplies, gum, food, trash, debris, broken glass or other foreign objects on the pavement or surfacing materials that could cause tripping, slipping or any other injury?
- 10) Yes / No / NA Are there any damaged fences, benches, water fountains, trash cans or signs on the playground area?

COMMENT ON ANY "YES" ANSWERS OR ANY OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING REPAIR:

*This checklist was created to provide general, daily routine maintenance assessments for typical playground areas. Manufacturers should be contacted to provide equipment-specific maintenance checklists and maintenance personnel should routinely conduct more thorough, detailed inspections evaluating conditions that are not covered by this general assessment. This checklist should not be relied upon for full inspection evaluation.

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