

MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

Playground safety is very important. Research has shown that a properly maintained play area will minimize injuries, reduce costs and dramatically increase the life of your play area. Establishing a routine maintenance schedule will increase the safety and functionality of your play areas. As a general rule, this maintenance should be performed monthly. However, it's important to take into consideration environmental and use factors. It would be beneficial to periodically observe the play area to determine usage. When using your maintenance checklist; record findings, date and keep for future reference. Be sure to make special notes detailing concerns and issues. We also recommend a certified and trained professional perform a detailed safety inspection each year. Being proactive with your maintenance will save you costly repair, and encourage a fun and safe environment to bring people together.

Children's Specialties

Maintenance Checklist

Location:

Inspected by:

Date:

COMMENTS

Playground

- Visually look for potential clothing entanglements
- Check for pinch, crush or shearing points
- Check for sharp points, corners and edges
- Check for hazardous protrusions or projections
- Ensure there are no broken or missing parts. (Ex. Missing caps, plugs, hardware, cracked plastics and broken welds.) Tighten loose nuts and bolts according to manufacturer specifications. Replace broken and missing pieces.
- Inspect paint and powder coating for scratches. Cover scratches with touch-up paint as soon as possible to prevent rust.
- Check moving components for proper operation. (Ex. Swing hangers, track riders, spinners etc.) Check that bearings are not worn. Lubricate and repair as necessary.
- Check for secure anchoring of posts

Surfacing

- Ensure area is free of foreign objects such as trash, limbs, debris, exposed footings and roots
- Check that sidewalks are swept and picked up. Remove foreign obstacles.
- Ensure area has proper drainage with no standing water
- Check for adequate surfacing type and required depth as per CPSC guidelines
- If using loose fill: check that loose fill is raked and fluffed. Level displaced areas, paying special attention to high traffic areas such as under swings and base of slides. Replace fill as necessary.
- If using poured in place rubber: check edges and surfacing for tears and divots. Patch as necessary.

Maintenance Checklist Cont.

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Site Amenities

- Check that fences and signs are in good repair
- Check for sharp points, corners and edges
- Inspect paint, coatings and powder coating for scratches, peeling or damage. Cover scratches with touch up paint or repair coating according to manufacturer's recommendations as soon as possible.
- Check for secure anchoring
- Ensure trash receptacles are empty and placed within easy access. Check to make sure they are securely anchored.

Shade

- Check to ensure posts are securely anchored
- Inspect shade for rips, tears or fraying
- Inspect hinges and joints to ensure they are rust free and properly lubricated
- Check cables for proper tension

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