



## **PLAYGROUND SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST**

PARK NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

INSPECTOR: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>GENERAL</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>SLIDES</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>U</b>
1. Equipment stable. No deterioration in footings and joints.			1. There is an 8-ft. obstruction-free zone in front of the exit area and a 6-ft. zone on all sides.		
2. Equipment complete – no missing parts.			2. Slope support frames are straight and do not have finger entrapment areas.		
3. Free from pitch or crush points.			3. There is a clear line-of-sight from top to bottom of the side.		
4. Free from sharp points and corners.			4. If the slide is stainless steel, is it oriented to prevent the sun from heating the slide surface?		
5. Concrete footing appropriately buried.			<b>SWINGS</b>		
6. Painted surfaces free from chipping and peeling.			1. Swing crossbeam height is 8-ft. or less.		
<b>HEAD/FINGER ENTRAPMENT</b>			2. Swings are hung 18 inches apart.		
1. No openings between 3/8" to 1".			3. Swing seats are free from exposed metal parts or sharp hardware.		
2. No openings between 3" to 9".			4. "S" locks and other connectors are fully enclosed and secure.		
3. No angles greater than 55 degrees.			<b>SPINNING EQUIPMENT/MERRY-GO ROUND</b>		
<b>HARDWARE</b>			1. Platform is level and stays level when unevenly loaded.		
1. Hardware complete, securely attached and without deterioration.			2. Distance between the bottom of the whirl and ground is less than 3 inches.		
2. Fasteners and connecting devices require tools to loosen/remove.			3. Equipment is free of open framework and gaps in the central support post.		
<b>LADDERS</b>			<b>SAND BOXES</b>		
1. Slide ladders are fully enclosed and don't trap surfacing material.			1. Sand is within framework and free of foreign matter.		
2. Steps are at least 15" wide.			2. Box is in a quiet, shady place.		
3. Steps are evenly spaced and are between 9" and 11" apart.			<b>MAINTENANCE / PARK SAFETY</b>		
4. Stairways and ladders with steps have continuous handrails on both sides.			1. Maintenance is regularly schedule and accomplished.		
5. Step finish is slip-resistant.			2. Maintenance personnel understand appropriate safety standards.		
<b>PLAY AREAS</b>			3. Equipment is kept in safe working condition.		
1. Free of tripping and falling hazards such as protruding roots and rocks, or other obstacles such as drain pipes.			4. PPE/Fire extinguishers available in office.		
2. The area has good drainage.			5. Signage posted.		
3. There is an 8-ft. fall zone around each piece of equipment, unless otherwise specified.			6. Emergency Numbers: [In Office]		
4. Protective surfacing [sand, mulch, etc.] is at least 12" deep in all areas.			7. Hours of Operation posted.		
5. If rubber surface, is it free of tears or cracks?			<b>OTHER HAZARDS NOTED</b>		
<b>OTHER CONCERNS: (List below, or in a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this list.)</b>					