

APPENDIX A: SUGGESTED GENERAL MAINTENANCE CHECKLISTS

Surfacing (§2.4)

- Adequate protective surfacing under and around the equipment.
 - Install/replace surfacing
- Surfacing materials have not deteriorated.
 - Replace surfacing
 - Other maintenance: _____
- Loose-fill surfacing materials have no foreign objects or debris.
 - Remove trash and debris
- Loose-fill surfacing materials are not compacted.
 - Rake and fluff surfacing
- Loose-fill surfacing materials have not been displaced under heavy use areas such as under swings or at slide exits.
 - Rake and fluff surfacing

Drainage (§2.4)

- The entire play area has satisfactory drainage, especially in heavy use areas such as under swings and at slide exits.
 - Improve drainage
 - Other maintenance: _____

General Hazards

- There are no sharp points, corners or edges on the equipment (§3.4).
- There are no missing or damaged protective caps or plugs (§3.4).
- There are no hazardous protrusions (§3.2 and Appendix B).
- There are no potential clothing entanglement hazards, such as open S-hooks or protruding bolts (§2.5.2, §3.2, §5.3.8.1 and Appendix B).
- There are no crush and shearing points on exposed moving parts (§3.1).
- There are no trip hazards, such as exposed footings or anchoring devices and rocks, roots, or any other obstacles in a use zone (§3.6).

NOTES:

DATE OF INSPECTION:

Security of Hardware (§2.5)

- There are no loose fastening devices or worn connections.
 - Replace fasteners
 - Other maintenance: _____
- Moving parts, such as swing hangers, merry-go-round bearings, and track rides, are not worn.
 - Replace part
 - Other maintenance: _____

Durability of Equipment (§2.5)

- There are no rust, rot, cracks, or splinters on any equipment (check carefully where it comes in contact with the ground).
- There are no broken or missing components on the equipment (e.g., handrails, guardrails, protective barriers, steps, or rungs).
- There are no damaged fences, benches, or signs on the playground.
- All equipment is securely anchored.

Leaded Paint (§2.5.4)

- Paint (especially lead paint) is not peeling, cracking, chipping, or chalking.
- There are no areas of visible leaded paint chips or accumulation of lead dust.
 - Mitigate lead paint hazards

General Upkeep of Playgrounds (§4)

- There are no user modifications to the equipment, such as strings and ropes tied to equipment, swings looped over top rails, etc.
 - Remove string or rope
 - Correct other modification
- The entire playground is free from debris or litter such as tree branches, soda cans, bottles, glass, etc.
 - Clean playground
- There are no missing trash receptacles.
 - Replace trash receptacle
- Trash receptacles are not full.
 - Empty trash

INSPECTION BY:

Routine Inspection and Maintenance Issues

- Broken equipment such as loose bolts, missing end caps, cracks, etc.
- Broken glass & other trash
- Cracks in plastics
- Loose anchoring
- Hazardous or dangerous debris
- Insect damage
- Problems with surfacing
- Displaced loose-fill surfacing (see Section 4.3)
- Holes, flakes, and/or buckling of unitary surfacing
- User modifications (such as ropes tied to parts or equipment rearranged)
- Vandalism
- Worn, loose, damaged, or missing parts
- Wood splitting
- Rusted or corroded metals
- Rot