



Schoolyard Safety Assessment

Existing Conditions

Elementary School: _____ Inspector: _____

Address: _____ Inspection Date: _____

Note: If ‘No’ is checked for any of the individual site assessment issues, please provide detail comments on additional sheets of paper and attach to this report as needed.

Item	Issues	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
A.	General Concerns				
1.	Can the playground be viewed from the street?				
2.	Is the playground fenced off from the street, open water sources, ditches, and etc?				
3.	Does the playground provide for wheelchair access?				
4.	Are drinking fountains present, operational, and clean?				
5.	Is the size of the playground equipment correct for the age group utilizing it?				
6.	Does the playground have adequate site drainage?				
7.	Is the equipment free of vandalism?				
8.	Does the playground provide approved shade structures and/or trees?				
B.	Ground Cover				
1.	Is fall protection (Engineered Wood Fiber (EWF)) provided for under all play equipment?				
2.	Is the loose fall material (EWF) 12 inches deep?				
3.	Does the fall material extend at least 6 feet beyond the play equipment footprint?				
4.	Is the fall material (EWF) non-compacted?				
5.	Is there a rubber mat present that is 1-inch thick for every 4 feet of equipment height?				
6.	Does the fall material (EWF) extend beyond the swing beam height?				
7.	Is there a provision for keeping the swing area free of conflicting traffic?				

C.	Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)				
	Compliance				
1.	Are there openings present in the play equipment that are between 4 and 7 inches?				
2.	Are there any "V" shaped entrapments present in the play equipment?				
3.	Are there 38 inch high non-climbable rails on all raised platforms/decks?				
4.	Are there any protrusions that extend above the play equipment surface? If so, is the protrusion's end diameter larger than that of its base?				
D.	Risk Management				
1.	Have the spin-around(s) and seesaws) been removed?				
2.	Are the decks lower than 66 inches high? Is the equipment height less than 104 inches high?				
3.	Are the grassed areas free of holes and/or protruding sprinkle heads?				
4.	Are the walkways and ball courts free of trip hazards?				
5.	Are the trashcans/dumpsters "child proofed?"				
6.	If present, are the soccer goals firmly anchored and in good condition?				
7.	If present, are the chain link fencing mesh and any chain link backstop meshing serviceable and free of barbed edges?				
8.	Are the metal slides shaded? What is the slide compass orientation?				
9.	Have merry-go-rounds, pivot-type seesaws, concrete pipe, and glider-type swings been removed?				
10.	If present, are the basketball goals of the non-climbable "gooseneck" type?				

E.	Maintenance				
1.	Are the swing bearings and chains in good order?				
2.	Are the "S" type hooks closed and swing seats intact?				
3.	Is the play equipment anchored according to specifications?				
4.	If present, are the wood structures sound, smooth, and free from splinters and excessive checks?				
5.	Are the trees properly pruned and healthy?				
6.	If present, are the benches sound, smooth, and free of any sharp corners?				
F.	Supervision				
1.	Is the play equipment centralized for easy supervision?				
2.	Is there a separate play area provided for the ECE/ pre-primary children?				
3.	Have the chain nets been removed from the basketball rims?				

Comments: