

Playground Safety Checklist



Playgrounds and play equipment need to be checked and maintained regularly to ensure it is safe for the users. This checklist provides a guide of what to look for.

Congregation Name		Playground Location	
1. Administration		Yes	No
Do you require periodic engineering inspection of playground structures to ensure continued integrity/fit for purpose?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have all previously reported defects been rectified?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has the Incident Register been reviewed to identify hazards?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Comments/Actions</i>			
2. Location			
Is the area clear of litter and dangerous objects?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are trees free from potential falling deadwood and other hazards? e.g. broken branches at eye height		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the access and egress to the area in good condition and free of obstructions?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Comments/Actions</i>			
3. Swings			
Is the main frame safe and secure?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all moving parts in working order?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are seats and attachments in good condition?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all bolts in place and secure?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are chains and shackles in good condition?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are posts treated/painted when necessary to prevent rotting/splintering?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Comments/Actions</i>			
4. Slides			
Is the sliding surface clear of obstructions?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the sliding surface secure and free of gaps from the side rails?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are the surfaces free from rust, rotting or splintering?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the gel-coat surface of fibreglass slides intact and free from glass fibre protrusions?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the sliding surface clear of obstructions?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are surfaces treated for rust or splintering as necessary?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are barriers / rails to prevent fall from a height when accessing the top of the slide secure and in good condition?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Structures (including portable structures, shade sails etc.)			
Is the main frame safe and secure?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Are the shade sails in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are posts solid and free of structural crack or splinters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all structures designed to withstand the loads and weather events?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are structures secured for storm events?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all bolts, joints, connections firm, in place, secure and not protruding or missing?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are all chains and ropes secure, no pinch points and in good condition?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are frames maintaining shape, not distorted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are surfaces free from rust or rot?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments/Actions		
6. Sandpit		
Is the pit regularly raked, weeded, checked for dangerous object, animal excrement? i.e. daily	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is sand replenished /replaced when necessary?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are borders free from protrusions, cracks, splinters?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the pit covered when not in use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments/Actions		
7. Impact Absorbing Material		
Does the material cover the required areas of impact zone activity for the users?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the material maintained to recommended compaction depth depending on fall height? – refer KidSafe resources for details – minimum compacted depth is 300mm	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the area free of dangerous objects? e.g. pins	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments/Actions		
8. Grassed Areas		
Is the grassed area well maintained? – mowed, seeded etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the area free from dangerous objects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments/Actions		
9. Other Potential Risks		
Are tyres or other areas free of spiders or other dangerous insects/animals?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments/Actions		
Checked By		
Name(s)	Signature(s)	Date

Outline any required maintenance actions

Once completed forward to the Property Officer or The Contact Person / Congregation Leader to file