

Daily Playground Inspection Checklist

Week of: _____ To _____

Playground: _____

Inspected by: _____

Mark <input type="checkbox"/> is yes and X if no	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Frid
Playground Environment					
Litter and animal waste not removed from play area					
Children have no access to accumulated water. (fish ponds pools etc.)					
Insect infestations removed (bees, spiders, ants and flies etc.)					
Check for poisonous - plants, shrubs, weeds and flowers					
No trip hazards exists such as holes, tree roots					
Equipment					
Play equipment checked for loose or broken parts					
Moveable play equipment are at least 2 meters away from climbing equipment and swings.					
All climbing equipment / swings have impact or safety surface around and under it.					
If safety surface is loose-fill has it been raked over to maintain even depth.					
Ropes and chain ladders are secured at both ends					
Climbing nets have appropriate size net					
All climbers, swings sets and other large equipment securely anchored to the ground					
No protruding bolts/screws/objects, broken or rusted parts or splinters on equipment.					
No broken toys on playground.					
Broken or poorly functioning equipment has been reported to management					
Broken or poorly functioning equipment is removed or not used until repaired.					
Sand box is raked before each use/covered when not in use.					
Supervision					
Staff are located around the play area so all areas are visible during play. Children are accounted for at all times.					
Staff closely supervise and encourage children to play safely and use the equipment as intended to reduce injuries.					
Child/staff ratios are appropriate for age of children.					
Supplies are brought to playground (first aid kit, garbage bag, tissue, water).					
Children are dressed appropriately for weather (limit outside time to 15 minutes when temperature is over 32° C and under 10° C).					
Children do not have hooded jackets, scarfs, jewelry and ties etc. whilst playing on the playground equipment.					
Sunscreen is applied/reapplied before play (w/ parent permission).					

Any X marks must be reported to the facility management and rectified prior to allowing children onto the playground.

If the facility manager allows children onto the playground and playground equipment liability and responsibility lies with the facility manager and owner of the facility.

All childcare facilities must ensure that playground and playground equipment comply with the South African National Standard for safety on playgrounds and playground equipment SANS 51176 and SANS 51177. By law all child care providers must ensure the safety of children in their care.