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**Playground Safety  
 Maintenance Checklist**

FACILITY NAME:		PHONE #:	
PHYSICAL ADDRESS:			
MAILING ADDRESS:		ZIP CODE:	
CITY:	COUNTY:	COUNTY ID#:	
INSPECTION PURPOSE:	ROUTINE <input type="checkbox"/>	COMPLAINT <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHERS (SPECIFY) <input type="checkbox"/>

**“X” Indicates a Deficiency:**

<u>SURFACING</u>		<u>DETERIORATION OF THE EQUIPMENT</u>	
1. The equipment has adequate protective surfacing under and around it.		15. The equipment has no rust, rot, cracks or splinters, especially where it comes in contact with the ground.	
2. Surfacing materials have not deteriorated.		16. There are no broken or missing components on the equipment (e.g.) handrails, guardrails, protective barriers, steps or rungs on ladders).	
3. Loose-fill surfacing materials have no foreign objects or debris.		17. There are no damaged fences, benches, or signs on the playground.	
4. Loose-fill surfacing materials are not compacted.		18. The equipment has no deteriorated paint as noted by peeling, cracking, chipping or chalking (recommend test for lead paint).	
5. Loose-fill surfacing materials do not have reduced depth in heavy use areas such as under swings or at slide exits.		19. There are no areas of visible paint chips or accumulation of paint dust.	
<u>GENERAL HAZARDS</u>		<u>SECURITY OF HARDWARE</u>	
6. There are no sharp points, corners or edges on the equipment.		20. There are no loose fastening devices or worn connections, such as S-hooks	
7. There are no missing or damaged protective caps or plugs.		21. Moving components, such as swing hangers or merry-go-round bearings are not worn	
8. There are no hazardous protrusions and projections.		<u>DRAINAGE</u>	
9. There are no potential clothing entanglement hazards, such as open S-hooks or protruding bolts.		22. The entire play area has satisfactory drainage, especially in heavy use areas such as under swings and at the slide exits	
10. There are no pinch, crush, and shearing points or exposed moving parts.		<u>GENERAL UPKEEP OF PLAYGROUNDS</u>	
11. There are no trip hazards, such as exposed footings or anchoring devices and rocks, roots, or any other environmental obstacles in the play area.		23. The entire playground is free from miscellaneous debris or litter such as tree branches, soda cans, bottles, glass, etc.	
12. Openings in guardrails, and spaces between platforms and between ladder rungs measure less than 3.5 inches or more than 9 inches.		24. There are no missing trash receptacles	
13. Play structures spaced at least 12 feet apart.		25. Trash receptacles are not full	
14. Dead trees / limbs present.			

Comments: (See Continuation Form #EH-11 for additional comments)

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Inspected by (signature):	Representative (signature):
Printed Name:	Printed Name:
Date:	Date: