

Plymouth Community School Corporation Playground Safety Checklist

These areas are to be inspected and forms completed twice a monthly. Any repairs or comments MUST be accompanied by a work order. It is the Head Custodians responsibility to retain original signed forms for record retention. All forms are subject to scheduled and random inspections.

School: _____

First Inspection Date: _____

SURFACING

- 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
 - Rake and fluff surfacing.
- Loose-fill surfacing materials have not been displaced under heavy use areas such as under swings or at slide exits.
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DRAINAGE

- 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.
- There are no missing or damaged protective caps or plugs.
- There are no hazardous protrusions.
- There are no potential clothing entanglement hazards, such as open S-hooks or protruding bolts.
- There are no crush and shearing points on exposed moving parts.
- There are no trip hazards, such as exposed footings or anchoring devices and rocks, roots, or any other obstacles in a use zone.

SECURITY OF HARDWARE

- 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 riders, are not worn.
 - Replace part.
 - Other Maintenance: _____

DURABILITY OF EQUIPMENT

- 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.

GENERAL UPKEEP

- 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 receptacles.
- Trash receptacles are not full.
 - Empty trash.

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