

Playground Safety Checklist

Consider the following four categories for ensuring playground safety.

- Supervision
- Age-Appropriate Environments
- Fall surfacing
- Equipment maintenance

Use the checklist to see if your playground meets these important safety standards.

	Yes	No
Supervision		
Adults are present when children are on the equipment.		
Children can be easily viewed while on equipment.		
Children can be viewed in crawl spaces.		
Rules are posted regarding expected behavior.		
Age-Appropriate		
Separate areas are established for ages 6-23 months, 2-5 years, and 5-12 years.		
Platforms on equipment have guardrails.		
Signage is posted to indicate the age group recommendations for equipment.		
Equipment design prevents climbing on the outside of the structure.		
Fall Surfacing		



The area has suitable surfacing materials.		
The height of all equipment is 5 feet or lower.		
Appropriate depth of loose fill materials.		
Concrete footings are covered.		
Surface free of hazardous foreign objects.		
Equipment Maintenance		
Free of Gaps.		
Free of Head entrapments.		
Free of broken parts.		
Free of missing parts.		
Free of protruding bolts.		
Free of rust.		
Free of splinters.		
Free of cracks/holes.		

