

PLAYGROUND CHECKLIST (draw diagram of playground on reverse side)

Equipment with higher than 18" fall height:	Material under equipment:	Depth of material:	Fall zones measured around equipment: 6 ft for pre-school playground equip. 3ft for infant/tod playground equip.

Distance between equipment:

Pre-school play surface less than 30" high; min 6 feet apart

Pre-school play surface over 30" high; min 9 feet apart

Infant/toddler play structures 18"-32" high; min 3 feet apart

Opening in guardrails, spaces between platforms, space between ladder rungs all measure less than 3.5" or more than 9" Y or N
Notes:

AGE APPROPRIATE EQUIPMENT

Infant/toddler: 6-23 months		Preschool: ages 2-5	
Climbing equipment up to 32" high		Climbing equipment up to 60" high	
Ramps		Ramps	
Slides		Slides	
Drop from seat of slide to ground is 6" or less	Y or N	Drop from seat of slide (up to 4ft) to ground at least 11"	Y or N
Final (mostly horizontal) section of slide chute* is 7 to 10 in	Y or N	Drop from seat of slide (over 4 ft) between 7"-15"	Y or N
Fall zone on three sides at least 3 ft	Y or N	Final (mostly horizontal) section of slide chute* is 11"	Y or N
Fall zone at slide exit at least 6 ft	Y or N	Fall zone (including exit) at least 6 ft for slides up to 6 ft	Y or N
		Fall zone on three sides at least 6 ft for slides 6-8 ft	Y or N
		Fall zone at exit same as slide height for slides 6-8 ft	Y or N
Spring rockers		Spring rockers	
Single file step ladder		Single file step ladder	
Stairways		Stairways	
Spiral slide less than 360°		Spiral slide up to 360°	
Swings with full bucket seats		Swings: full bucket (2-4 yrs), belts, & rotating tire	
Any open "S" hooks	Y or N	Seat at least 12" from ground	Y or N
Bucket seat at least 24" from ground	Y or N	More than two swings in single bay	Y or N
More than two swings in single bay	Y or N	Distance between swings at rest at least 24"	Y or N
Distance between swings at rest at least 20"	Y or N	Distance between swing & structure at least 30" (measure at 5 feet from the ground)	Y or N
Distance between swing and support structure at least 20" (measure at 5 feet from the ground)	Y or N	Fall zone (front and back) for swing is at least 2x the length of the swing's chain	Y or N
Fall zone (front and back) for swing is at least 2x the length of the swing's chain	Y or N	Merry-go-rounds	
		Rung ladders	
		Horizontal ladders ("monkey bars") and overhead rings 60" high or less for 4-5 year olds	
		Balance beams up to 12" high	



*Final (mostly horizontal) section of slide chute

***Not appropriate equipment for any ages: (circle if found)**

Trampolines swinging gates giant strides climbing ropes not secured at both ends rope swings
Animal figure swings multiple occupancy swings swinging dual exercise rings trapeze bars

***Additional equipment not appropriate for preschool children, aged 2-5 years: (circle if found)**

Freestanding arch climber dome climber freestanding flexible climbers fulcrum see-saw
log rolls track rides spiral slides w/more than one 360° turn parallel bars vertical sliding poles

***Additional equipment not appropriate for infants/toddlers, aged 6-23 months: (circle if found)**

Rung ladders merry-go-rounds rotating tire swings spiral slide with full 360° turn balance beams