

Initial Playground Safety Audit Form

Playground Border Concerns Measurements or Distances	Comments
1st public street	
2nd public street	
3rd public street	
4th public street	
Streets with heavy traffic	
Water (ponds/stream/drainage ditch)	
Soccer/football field	
Baseball/softball field from home plate	
Basketball court	
Parking lots	
Railroad tracks	
Trees (not pruned up at least 7')	
Golf course	
Other (specify) _____	

General Environment Concerns

	General Conditions	Comments
1	The playground can be accessed safely by a sidewalk that is free of standing water, sand, pea gravel & low hanging branches.	
2	If needed, a suitable barrier (fence) is provided for border concerns within 100' of playground edge. See question 3 for list of possible border concerns (CPSC 6.1).	
3	Seating (benches, outdoor tables) is in good condition (free of splinters, missing hardware or slats, protruding bolts, etc.).	
4	Signs give information about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Regulations on the use of the playground (hours, pets, specific rules, etc.). – Name and phone number of playground owner (to report problems). – Age appropriateness of equipment. (CPSC 6.3) 	
5	Signs on all bordering roads advise motorists that a playground is nearby.	
6	Trash receptacles are provided and located outside of the play area.	
7	Poisonous plants are removed from play area.	
8	Shaded area is provided.	
9	The play area is visible to deter inappropriate behavior (CPSC 6.2).	
10	The play area is free from lead in paint (maximum 0.06% lead by dry weight) (CPSC 8.1).	
11	The play area is free from toxic materials and preservatives (CPSC 8.1).	

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Age/Size Appropriateness Design

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1	Net, chain, arch or tire climbers are not the sole means to access play equipment for 2-5 yr. Old users (ASTM 7.2.2.1).	
2	Play equipment not recommended for 2-5 yr. Old users: chain or cable walks, free standing arch climbers, free standing climbing events with flexible components, fulcrum seesaws, log rolls, long spirals slides, overhead rings, parallel bars, swinging gates, track rides and vertical sliding poles (CPSC 6.3).	
3	The play area has signs that inform users of intended user age group (CPSC 6.3).	

Playground Protective Surface

	General Conditions	Comments
1	All elevated play equipment (slides, swings, bridges, seesaws, climbing apparatus, etc.) has proper depth of impact-absorbing material underneath the structure. Refer to CPSC and ASTM F1487-95 and ASTM 1292 for specifications on conforming protective surface type, critical fall heights and how far surfacing should extend from structure (CPSC Section 4).	
2	Surfaces are inspected at least weekly and raked to prevent them from becoming packed down and to remove hidden hazards (e.g. litter, sharp objects, animal feces). (CPSC 7.2).	
3	Loose materials are replenished as recommended to maintain adequate depth and coverage (CPSC 7.2).	
4	Standing water is not found within any of the use zones (CPSC 6.1).	
5	For equipment installed after 1995, manufacturer's sign attached to equipment stating equipment must be installed over impact absorbing surface (ASTM 14.3).	

Use Zone

	General Conditions	Comments
1	There is a minimum use zone of 6' in all directions for all equipment. Use zones for adjacent pieces of play equipment may overlap if the adjacent designated play surfaces are less than 30" above the protective surface. If either adjacent structure exceeds 30", the minimum distance between the structures should be 9'. Rocking/springing equipment intended for users to stand upon is no less than 7'. Swings, slide exits, and moving equipment other than less than 30" high rocking equipment shall not overlap use zones. (CPSC 5.1.1, ASTM 9.2.1, 9.5.2.1).	

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	General Conditions	Comments
2	Swings with enclosed swing seat or bucket, use zone to the front and to the rear shall be a minimum distance of 2W, where W equals the distance from the top of the occupant's sitting surface to the pivot point on the swing (CPSC 5.1.3, ASTM 9.4.1.2).	
3	Belt swings' use zone to the front and to the rear shall be a minimum distance of 2X, where X equals the distance from the top of the protective surface to the pivotpoint on the swing (CPSC 5.1.3, ASTM 9.4.1.1).	
4	Slides have adequate space from other equipment at the bottom (height of slide plus 4' from the reduced gradient, or 6' from edge of slide; whichever is greater, but not more than 14'). (CPSC 5.1.2, ASTM 9.6.2, 9.6.2.1, Fig. A1.32).	
5	The use zone for a rotating swing (tire swing) shall be a minimum of 6' in all directions of the support structure plus a minimum horizontal distance in all directions equal to the distance between the pivot point to the top of the seat plus 6' (CPSC 5.1.3, 5.1.4, ASTM 9.4.2).	
6	Barriers between equipment are installed so as not to create a trip hazard and are free of protrusions, splinters, sharp edges, etc. and are outside equipment use zone (CPSC 9.7).	

Accessibility

	General Conditions	Comments
1	The playground has an accessible route with a maximum horizontal slope of 1:20 (greater than 1:20 would be considered a ramp) and a maximum cross-slope of 1:50 (access to and around the playground area is at least 60" wide) (ASTM 10.1.3).	
2	Ramps are 36" wide minimum; with a slope between 1:20 and 1:12 and maximum horizontal run of 12 feet (ASTM 10.2.2.1, 10.2.2.2).	
3	Landings are 60" minimum diameter at bottom and top of each run; landings with play components shall have area 30" x 48" to park wheelchair while not reducing adjacent circulation path to less than 36" (ASTM 10.2.2.4).	
4	For ramps, either the barrier extends to within 1 inch of the ramp surface or a curb stop exists that projects a minimum of 2" above the ramp. (ASTM 10.2.2.8).	
5	For ramps higher than 30" (designed for 2-5 yr. olds) or higher than 48" (designed for 5-12 yr. olds) barriers are provided (ASTM 7.4.4, 10.2.2.5).	

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	General Conditions	Comments
6	For ramps > 30" H (designed for 2-5 yr. Olds) or > 48" H (designed for 5-12 yr. Olds) handrails are provided on each side of a ramp at a height between 26-28". For ramps less than or equal to 30" H and 48" H (for 2-5 and 5-12 yr. Olds, respectively) two handrails are provided on each side that are between 12-16" H and 26-28" H (ASTM 7.4.3, 10.2.2.6, k10.2.2.7).	
7	Transfer point height is between 14-18" with a clear width of minimum 24" and depth of no less than 14". Transfer point steps area maximum of 8" high with handholds (ASTM 10.2.3.1-10.2.3.3, 10.3.1).	
8	Transfer pts. Have; wheelchair turning space at base of transfer point; a clear space area of 60" minimum. T-shaped area in accordance with ASTM Fig. A1-39a (ASTM 10.2.4.1).	
9	The playground use zone has an accessible safety surface (ASTM 10.1.2).	
10	Accessible restroom facilities, accessible seating, accessible drinking fountain and shade are located in or near the play area.	
11	Wheelchair accessible platforms: single wheelchair passage 36"; two wheelchair 60"; single wheelchair and 1 able bodied user 44"; openings between deck not greater than 0.50" (ASTM 10.2.5.1-10.2.5.4).	
12	Accessible play opportunities designed with different access and egress points, such as slides, allow the user to return unassisted to access the original transfer point (ASTM 10.3.2.1).	
13	Vertical leg clearance is not less than 24" for equipment that requires a wheelchair user to pull partially under, such as sand tables, with a top playing surface of no greater than 30" (ASTM 10.3.2.2).	
14	Wheelchair accessible upper body equipment, such as horizontal ladders and rings, are less than or equal to 54" high (ASTM 10.3.2.3).	
15	Wheelchair accessible manipulative equipment, such as interactive panels, are between 9"-48" H for side reach and 20"-36" H for front reach from the accessible surface (ASTM 10.3.2.4, 10.3.2.5).	

Slides

	Specific Conditions	Comments
1	Slides are accessed by stairs, step ladders, or platforms which are evenly spaced, less than 12" apart, and pass the entrapment test. Refer to ASTM F 1487 Table 2 (CPSC 12.4.2).	

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	Specific Conditions	Comments
2	There is a flat surface the width of the slide bed at the top of the slide to help position the child for sliding (min. 22" deep going back from the slide bedway and min. 12" wide for 2-5 yr. old users and a min. 16" for 5-12 yr. old users) CPSC 12.4.3, ASTM 8.5.2.2, 8.5.2.3, 8.5.4.3).	
3	There are sufficient safety barriers at the top of the slide to prevent falls, with hand holds to assist standing to sitting transition and a means to channel the user to the sitting position before slide entry (CPSC 12.4.3, ASTM 7.4, 8.5.3).	
4	Sides of bedways are at least 4" high (CPSC 12.4.4, ASTM 8.5.4.4).	
5	No portion of the angle of the sliding surface exceeds 50 degrees with the average angle of 30 degrees or less (CPSC 12.4.4, ASTM 8.5.4.2)	
6	A flat sliding surface (run out zone) at the bottom of the slide is a min. of 11" long at transition point and angle is less than 5 degrees from the horizontal plane (CPSC 12.4.5, ASTM 8.5.5.1, 8.5.5.2).	
7	For slides greater than 4' high, designed for 5-12 yr. olds, the slide exit height is between 7" and 15" above the protective surfacing material (CPSC 12.4.5, ASTM 8.5.5.3).	
8	For slides 4' high or less and designed for 2-5 yr. Olds, the slide exit height does not exceed 11" above the protective surfacing material (CPSC 12.4.5, ASTM 8.5.5.3).	
9	Tube slides have a minimum diameter equal to or greater than 23" (CPSC 12.4.8, ASTM 8.5.4.7).	
10	Only short spiral slides, with one turn or less, are recommended for 2-5 yr. old users (CPSC 12.4.7).	
11	A clear area, height of 60" along slide chute and width of 21" from inside edge of siderail including the transition platform. No obstacles or protrusions project more than 1/8" perpendicular to the plane of the initial surface. Underside of slide bedway is exempt (ASTM 8.5.6.1, figures A1.16 and A1.22).	
12	On roller slides, no opening allows a 3/16" rod to enter (ASTM 8.9.2.1).	
13	If the slide is made in several pieces, the sliding surface has no gaps or rough edges at the top of the slide or at section seams which could entangle clothing or trap foreign material (CPSC 12.4.3, 12.4.4).	

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	Specific Conditions	Comments
14	The sliding surface faces away from sun or is located in the shade and isn't made of wood or fiberglass (CPSC 12.4.4).	
15	Pinch, Crush and Shear Points (CPSC 9.5, ASTM 6.4): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equipment is free of sharp edges. - There are no open holes in the equipment forming traps (e.g. at the ends of the tubes). - There are no pinch, crush or shear points. 	
16	Protrusions (CPSC 9.2, ASTM 6.2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No components fail protrusion test. - Nuts, bolts, and screws are recessed, covered or sanded smooth and level. 	
17	Entanglements/Entrapment Angles (CPSC 9.4, 9.6, ASTM 6.3): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No more than two threads of the fastener protrude through any nut. - No obstacles or protrusions project upwards from a horizontal plane extending more than 1/8" perpendicular to the plane of the initial surface. - There are no open "V" entrapment angles on any part of the equipment. See Figs. A1.3-4 in ASTM F 1487. 	
18	Head entrapments (CPSC 9.6, ASTM 6.1): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No components fail the entrapment test. - There are no partially bounded openings. - See Figs. A1.6a-A1.10 in ASTM F 1487. 	
19	Hardware: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nuts and bolts are tight and not able to be loosened without tools. Upon close inspection, they show no loose play or excessive wear (CPSC 8.2). - Equipment is free of rust and chipping paint (CPSC 8.1). - Equipment is free of sharp edges, splinters or rough surfaces and shows no excessive wear (CPSC 9.1). - Ropes, chains and cables have not frayed or worn out (CPSC 7.2). - Equipment has not shifted or become bent (CPSC 8.1) - There is no corrosion or visible rotting at points where equipment comes into contact with ground surface (CPSC 7.2, 8.1) - No components are missing. All parts of the equipment are present and in good working order with no loose play or excessive wear in moving parts (CPSC 7.2, 8.1). - Handgrips are between 0.95" and 1.55" in diameter (CPSC 10.2.1). - Footings for equipment are stable and buried below ground level or covered by surfacing materials (CPSC 9.7). - Equipment is free of any litter, debris and surfacing material (ASTM 7.1.2). - Equipment use zone is free of litter and debris (CPSC 7.2) 	

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Climbing Equipment

	Specific Conditions	Comments
1	Handholds stay in place when grasped (CPSC 10.4).	
2	Climbing bars and handrails are between 0.95"-1.55" in diameter (CPSC 10.2.1, ASTM 8.2.1).	
3	Flexible access equipment anchoring devices are below level of playing surface (CPSC 12.1.3, ASTM 7.2.2.2).	
4	Flexible climbing devices used as access for use by 2-5 yr. olds, readily allows users to bring feet to the same level before ascending to the next level (ASTM 7.2.2.4).	
5	Climbers don't have climbing bars or other structural components in the interior of the structure onto which a child may fall from a height of greater than 18" (CPSC 12.1.2).	
6	Accesses which don't have side handrails, such as rung ladders, arch or flexible climbers, are to have alternate hand-gripping support at transition (CPSC 10.4, ASTM 7.3.2).	
7	Rung ladders, arch and flexible climbers used as access, are not above the designated play surface it serves (no trip hazard) (ASTM 7.3.3).	
8	Balance beam maximum height from the playing surface is 12" for 2-5 yr. old users and 16" for 5-12 yr. old users (CPSC 12.1.8, ASTM 8.1.1).	
9	No obstacles or protrusions project upwards from a horizontal plane extending more than a 1/8" perpendicular to the plane of the initial surface. See ASTM F1487 fig. A1.13 (CPSC 9.3, ASTM 6.3.2.1).	
10	All components of crawl through tunnels are secure and firmly fixed. The tunnel has two safe, clear exits and is designed to drain freely.	
11	Pinch, Crush and Shear Points (CPSC 9.5, ASTM 6.4): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equipment is free of sharp edges. - There are no open holes in the equipment forming traps (e.g. at the ends of the tubes). - There are no pinch, crush or shear points. 	
12	Protrusions (CPSC 9.2, ASTM 6.2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No components fail protrusion test. - Nuts, bolts and screws are recessed, covered or sanded smooth and level. 	
13	Entanglements/Entrapment Angles (CPSC 9.4, 9.6, ASTM 6.3): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No more than two threads of the fastener protrude through any nut. - No obstacles or protrusions project upwards from a horizontal plane extending more than 1/8" perpendicular to the plane of the initial surface. - There are no open "V" entrapment angles on any part of the equipment. See Figs. A1.3-4 in ASTM F 1487. 	

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	Specific Conditions	Comments
14	Head entrapments (CPSC 9.6, ASTM 6.1): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No components fail the entrapment test. - There are no partially bounded opening. - See Figs. A1.6a-A1.10 ASTM F 1487. 	
15	Hardware: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nuts and bolts are tight and not able to be loosened without tools. Upon close inspection, they show no loose play or excessive wear (CPSC 8.2). - Equipment is free of rust and chipping paint (CPSC 8.1). - Equipment is free of sharp edges, splinters or rough surfaces and shows no excessive wear (CPSC9.1). - Ropes, chains and cables have not frayed or worn out (CPSC 7.2). 	
	Hardware, cont. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equipment has not shifted or become bent (CPSC 8.1). - There is no corrosion or visible rotting at points where equipment comes into contact with ground surface (CPSC 7.2, 8.1). - No components are missing. All parts of the equipment are present and in good working order with no loose play or excessive wear in moving parts (CPSC 7.2, 8.1). - Handgrips are between 0.95" and 1.55" in diameter (CPSC 10.2.1). - Footings for equipment are stable and buried below ground level or covered by surfacing materials (CPSC 9.7). - Equipment use zone is free of litter and debris (CPSC 7.2). 	

Upper Body Climbing Equipment

	Specific Conditions	Comments
1	Upper body climbing equipment, other than turning bars, not recommended for 2-5 yr. old users (CPSC 6.3, ASTM 8.3.1).	
2	Upper body climbing equipment maximum height is 84" for 5-12 yr. old users (CPSC 12.1.5, ASTM 8.3.4).	
3	Maximum distance between rungs for upper body equipment is 15" and openings pass the entrapment test (CPSC 9.6, 12.1.5, ASTM 8.3.2).	
4	Overhead swinging rings pass the entrapment test and chain is maximum length of 12" (CPSC 9.6, 12.1.5).	
5	Climbing ropes are secured at both ends and are not capable of being looped back on itself creating a loop with an inside perimeter of greater than 5" (CPSC 12.1.7, ASTM 6.5.1).	
6	Horizontal take-off distance from landing structure to first handhold of upper body equipment is no greater than 10"; if access and egress is by rungs, horizontal distance to first rung is at least 8", but no greater than 10" (ASTM 8.3.3).	

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	Specific Conditions	Comments
7	Maximum ht. of take off/landing for upper body equipment is 36" for 5-12 yr. old users (ASTM 8.3.5).	
8	There are no single non-rigid components (cable, rope, wire or similar component) suspended between play units or from the ground to the play unit within 45 degrees of horizontal, unless it is above 7 ft. from the playground surface and is a minimum of 1" at its widest cross-section dimension. It is recommended that the suspended components be brightly colored or contrast with surrounding equipment (CPSC 9.8, ASTM 6.5).	
9	Sliding pole clearance from structures is between 18" and 20" (CPSC 12.1.6, ASTM 8.4.1).	
10	Sliding pole is a minimum of 38" above the access structure, 60" min., recommended (CPSC 12.1.6, ASTM 8.4.3).	
11	Sliding pole is a maximum 109" in diameter and continuous with no protruding welds or joints within sliding area (CPSC 12.1.6, ASTM 8.4.4, 8.4.5).	
12	Track rides not recommended for 2-5 yr. old users (CPSC 6.3, ASTM 8.13.5).	
13	Track rides; the lowest portion of the hand gripping component is a minimum of 64" above protective surface with maximum height of 78" (ASTM 8.13.1).	
14	Underside of track beam is a minimum of 78" above the protective surfacing (ASTM 8.13.2).	
15	Pinch, Crush and Shear Points (CPSC 9.5, ASTM 6.4): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equipment is free of sharp edges. - There are no open holes in the equipment forming traps (e.g. at the ends of the tubes). - There are no pinch, crush or shear points. 	
16	Protrusions (CPSC 9.2, ASTM 6.2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No components fail protrusion test. - Nuts, bolts and screws are recessed, covered or sanded smooth and level. 	
17	Entanglements/Entrapment Angles (CPSC 9.4, 9.6, ASTM 6.3): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No more than two threads of the fastener protrude through any nut. - No obstacles or protrusions project upwards from a horizontal plane extending more than 1/8" perpendicular to the plane of the initial surface. - There are no open "V" entrapment angles on any part of the equipment. See Figs. A1.3-4 in ASTM F 1487. 	
18	Head Entrapments (CPSC 9.6, ASTM 6.1): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No components fail the entrapment test. - There are no partially bounded openings. See Figs. A1.6a-A1.10 in ASTM F 1487. 	

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	Specific Conditions	Comments
19	<p>Hardware:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nuts and bolts are tight and not able to be loosened without tools. Upon close inspection, they show no loose play or excessive wear (CPSC 8.2). - Equipment is free of rust and chipping paint (CPSC 8.1). - Equipment is free of sharp edges, splinters or rough surfaces and shows no excessive wear (CPSC 9.1). - Ropes, chains and cables have not frayed or worn out (CPSC 7.2). - Equipment has not shifted or become bent (CPSC 8.1). - There is no corrosion or visible rotting at points where equipment comes into contact with ground surface (CPSC 7.2, 8.1). - No components are missing. All parts of the equipment are present and in good working order with no loose play or excessive wear in moving parts (CPSC 7.2, 8.1). - Handgrips are between 0.95" and 1.55" in diameter (CPSC 10.2.1). - Footings for equipment are stable and buried below ground level or covered by surfacing materials (CPSC 9.7). - Equipment is free of any litter, debris and surfacing material (ASTM 7.1.2). - Equipment use zone is free of litter and debris (CPSC 7.2). 	

Stairways and Ladders

	Specific Conditions	Comments
1	Continuous handrails on both sides for stairways > 1 tread; on those with only 1 tread, an alternate means of hand support or handrail present. Handrail height is between 22" and 38" (CPSC 10.3.1, ASTM 7.1.4).	
2	Children have an easy, safe way to descend equipment when they reach the top. (via platform, stairway, or step ladder) (CPSC 12.1.2).	
3	Steps and rungs do not allow for accumulation of water and debris (CPSC 10.2, ASTM 7.1.2).	
4	Net, chain, arch or tire climbers not the sole means to access equipment for play areas for 2-5 yr. old users (CPSC 12.1.3, ASTM 7.2.2.1).	
5	Steps and rungs are evenly spaced within a tolerance of 0.25 inches and horizontal within a tolerance of 2 degrees. This includes the spacing between the top step or rung and the surface of the platform (ASTM 7.1.1).	
6	Openings between steps or rungs and between the top step or rung and underside of a platform pass the testing requirements for head entrapment (CPSC 9.6.1, 10.2, ASTM 6.1).	

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	Specific Conditions	Comments
7	All stairways, step ladders and rung ladders, as it relates to the intended users, conform with access slope; tread, rung, and ramp width; tread depth; rung diameter; and vertical rise specifications as per ASTM F 1487 table 2 (CPSC 10.2).	
8	Pinch, Crush and Shear Points (CPSC 9.5, ASTM 6.4): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equipment is free of sharp edges. - There are no open holes in the equipment forming traps (e.g. at ends of the tubes). - There are no pinch, crush or shear points. 	
9	Protrusions (CPSC 9.2, ASTM 6.2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No components fail protrusion test. - Nuts, bolts and screws are recessed, covered or sanded smooth and level. 	
10	Entanglements/Entrapment Angles (CPSC 9.4, 9.6, ASTM 6.3): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No more than two threads of the fastener protrude through any nut. - No obstacles or protrusions project upwards from a horizontal plane extending more than 1/8" perpendicular to the plane of the initial surface - There are no open "V" entrapment angles on any part of the equipment. See Figs. A1.3-4 in ASTM F 1487. 	
11	Head entrapments (CPSC 9.6, ASTM 6.1): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No components fail the entrapment test. - There are no partially bounded openings. See Figs. A1.6a-A1.10 in ASTM F 1487.	
12	Hardware: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equipment is free of rust and chipping paint (CPSC 8.1). - Equipment is free of sharp edges, splinters or rough surfaces and shows no excessive wear (CPSC 9.1). - Ropes, chains and cables have not frayed or worn out (CPSC 7.2). - Equipment has not shifted or become bent (CPSC 8.1). - There is no corrosion or visible rotting at points where equipment comes into contact with ground surface (CPSC 7.2, 8.1). - No components are missing. All parts of the equipment are present and in good working order with no loose play or excessive wear in moving parts (CPSC 7.2, 8.1). - Handgrips are between 0.95" and 1.55" in diameter (CPSC 10.2.1). - Footings for equipment are stable and buried below ground level or covered by surfacing materials (CPSC 9.7). - Equipment is free of any litter, debris and surfacing material (ASTM 7.1.2). - Equipment use zone is free of litter and debris (CPSC 7.2). 	

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Decks and Platforms

	Specific Conditions	Comments
1	Unless an alternate means of access is provided, the maximum difference in height between stepped platforms for 2-5 yr. olds is 12" and for 5-12 yr. olds is 18" (CPSC 11.7, ASTM 7.4.5.1).	
2	There is a 29" high (min.) protective perimeter barrier around 2-5 yr. old users' equipment that is more than 30" above the underlying surface (CPSC 11.5, ASTM 7.4.4.1, 7.4.4.3).	
3	There is a 38" high (min.) protective perimeter barrier on all elevated surfaces 48" above the underlying surface for 5-12 yr. old users' equipment (CPSC 11.5, ASTM 7.4.4.1, 7.4.4.3).	
4	The space between slats of protective barriers and guardrails is not between 3-1/2" and 9" and passes the entrapment test (CPSC 9.6, ASTM 6.1).	
5	Guardrails or protective barriers are present for all elevated surfaces 30" above the underlying surface for 5-12 yr. Old users' equipment (38" top edge, 24" high lower edge) (CPSC 11.4, ASTM 7.4.3.1-7.4.3.4).	
6	No partially bounded openings are projecting upwards from the horizontal plane that are greater than 1 7/8" or less than 9" and fail the test method for partially bounded openings. See ASTM F 1487 Figures A1.6a-A1.10 (CPSC Fig. 8, ASTM 6.1.4).	
7	Pinch, Crush and Shear Points (CPSC 9.5, ASTM 6.4): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equipment is free of sharp edges. - There are no open holes in the equipment forming traps (e.g. at ends of the tubes). - There are no pinch, crush or shear points. 	
8	Protrusions (CPSC 9.2, ASTM 6.2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No components fail protrusion test. - Nuts, bolts and screws are recessed, covered or sanded smooth and level. 	
9	Entanglements/Entrapment Angles (CPSC 9.4, 9.6, ASTM 6.3): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No more than two threads of the fastener protrude through any nut. - No obstacles or protrusions project upwards from a horizontal plane extending more than 1/8" perpendicular to the plane of the initial surface. - There are no open "V" entrapment angles on any part of the equipment. See Figs. A1.3-4 in ASTM F 1487. 	
10	Head Entrapments (CPSC 9.6, ASTM 6.1): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No components fail the entrapment test. - There are no partially bounded openings. See Figs. A1.6a-A1.10 in ASTM F 1487.	

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	Specific Conditions	Comments
11	<p>Hardware:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nuts and bolts are tight and not able to be loosened without tools. Upon close inspection, they show no loose play or excessive wear (CPSC 8.2). - Equipment is free of rust and chipping paint (CSPC 8.1). - Equipment is free of sharp edges, splinters or rough surfaces and shows no excessive wear (CPSC 9.1). - Ropes, chains and cables have not frayed or worn out (CPSC 7.2). - Equipment has not shifted or become bent (CPSC 8.1). - There is no corrosion or visible rotting at points where equipment comes into contact with ground surface (CPSC 7.2, 8.1). - No components are missing. All parts of the equipment are present and in good working order with no loose play or excessive wear in moving parts (CPSC 7.2, 8.1). - Handgrips are between 0.95" and 1.55" in diameter (CPSC 10.2.1). - Footings for equipment are stable and buried below ground level or covered by surfacing materials (CPSC 9.7). - Equipment is free of any litter, debris and surfacing material. - Equipment use zone is free of litter and debris, 	
12	All swings, to and fro and rotating swings are not attached to main structure (CPSC 12.6.2, ASTM 8.6.1.1).	
13	All flying animal figure swings, multiple occupancy swings (except tire swings), rope swings, and trapeze bars are removed from public playgrounds (CPSC 12.6.4, ASTM 8.7.1).	
14	Lightweight enclosed swing seats, are used and all openings meet entrapment criteria (CPSC 12.6.3).	
15	All swing seats are made of canvas, rubber, or other lightweight material (CPSC 12.6.2, ASTM 8.6.1.3).	
16	There are no open "S" hooks (openings greater than or equal to 0.04") (CPSC 12.6.1).	
17	When stationary, all seats same type are level.	
18	There are no more than two swings, evenly spaced, in any individual swing bay (CPSC 12.6.2, ASTM 8.6.1.3). Swing seat shall be of the same type in each bay. (CPSC 12.6.3).	
19	Swings are at least 24" from each other and 30" away from the frame. See ASTM Figs. A1.23, A1.24 (CPSC Fig. 22, ASTM 8.6.1.5).	
20	Vertical distance is at least 12" between underside of occupied seat and protective surface (CPSC 12.6.2, ASTM 8.6.1.5).	

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	Specific Conditions	Comments
21	Swing hangers are spaced wider than seats, not less than 20" (CPSC 12.6.2, ASTM 8.6.1.5).	
22	For tire swings, there is at least a 30" safety zone from the crossbeam support structure and the farthest extensions of the swing, and each must have a minimum clearance of 12" from the bottom of the tire to the protective surface (CPSC 12.6.4, ASTM 8.6.1.5).	
23	Swing tires have adequate drainage (CPSC 12.6.4).	
24	Tire swings are not made of sell belted radial tires (CPSC 12.6.2, ASTM 8.6.2.3).	
25	To and fro swings and tire swings are located away from circulation paths (a distance at least equal to the equipment use zone and an additional safety factor for circulation, with this area free of any obstructions) and near the periphery of the playground (CPSC 602, ASTM 8.6.1.1, 8.6.2.1).	
26	Pinch, Crush and Shear Points (CPSC 9.5, ASTM 6.4): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equipment is free of sharp edges. - There are no open holes in the equipment forming traps (e.g. at ends of the tubes). - There are no pinch, crush or shear points. 	
27	Protrusions (CPSC 9.2, ASTM 6.2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No components fail protrusion test. - Nuts, bolts and screws are recessed, covered or sanded smooth and level. 	
28	Entanglements/Entrapment Angles (CPSC 9.4, 9.6, ASTM 6.3): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No more than two threads of the fastener protrude through any nut. - No obstacles or protrusions project upwards from a horizontal plane extending more than 1/8" perpendicular to the plane of the initial surface. - There are no open "V" entrapment angles on any part of the equipment. See Figs. A1.3-4 in ASTM F 1487. 	
29	Head Entrapments (CPSC 9.6, ASTM 6.1): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No components fail the entrapment test. - There are no partially bounded openings. - See Figs. A1.6a-A1.10 in ASTM F 1487. 	

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	Specific Conditions	Comments
30	<p>Hardware:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nuts and bolts are tight and not able to be loosened without tools. Upon close inspection, they show no loose play or excessive wear (CPSC 8.2). - Equipment is free of rust and chipping paint (CSPC 8.1). - Equipment is free of sharp edges, splinters or rough surfaces and shows no excessive wear (CPSC 9.1). - Ropes, chains and cables have not frayed or worn out (CPSC 7.2). - Equipment has not shifted or become bent (CPSC 8.1). - There is no corrosion or visible rotting at points where equipment comes into contact with ground surface (CPSC 7.2, 8.1). - No components are missing. All parts of the equipment are present and in good working order with no loose play or excessive wear in moving parts (CPSC 7.2, 8.1). - Handgrips are between 0.95" and 1.55" in diameter (CPSC 10.2.1). - Footings for equipment are stable and buried below ground level or covered by surfacing materials (CPSC 9.7). - Equipment is free of any litter, debris and surfacing material (ASTM 7.1.2). - Equipment use zone is free of litter and debris (CPSC 7.2). 	

Rotating and Rocking Equipment

	Specific Conditions	Comments
1	The seesaws seating surface does not reach more than 5' above the underlying surface ASTM 8.10.6).	
2	The seesaw fulcrum is fixed, enclosed or designed to prevent pinching (CPSC 12.3, ASTM 8.10.3).	
3	Seesaw handgrips intended to be gripped by one hand have a minimum length of 3" and 2-hands a minimum of 6" and pass the protrusion test (CPSC 12.3, ASTM 8.10.4.1).	
4	A rubber segment is buried in the surfacing under the seesaw seats unless seesaw uses a spring centering device (CPSC 12.3, ASTM 8.10.2).	
5	Log rolls (not recommended for 2-5 yr. old users) have maximum ht. of 18" above the protective surface for 5-12 yr. old users (ASTM 8.12.2, 8.12.3).	
6	Spring rocking equipment seat height is between 14" and 28" (ASTM 8.11.5).	
7	There are no equipment parts that could cause a pinching or crushing injury on spring rocking equipment. Exemption is the attachment area of heavy duty coil springs to the body and base of spring rocking equipment (CPSC 12.5, ASTM 6.4.1.3 [2], 8.11.4).	

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	Specific Conditions	Comments
8	Handholds stay in place when grasped and pass the protrusion test (CPSC 12.5, ASTM 8.11.2).	
9	Footrests stay in place when grasped and pass the protrusion test (CPSC 12.5, ASTM 8.11.3).	
10	Merry-go-rounds are approximately circular, and the distance between the minimum and maximum radii of a noncircular platform does not exceed 2". See Fig. A1.25 in ASTM F 1487 (CPSC 12.2, ASTM 8.8.1.1, 8.8.1.2).	
11	Components of the merry-go-round do not extend beyond the platform perimeter (CPSC 12.2, ASTM 8.8.1.2).	
12	There are no openings in the surface of the platform that permit the penetration of 5/16" rod through the surface of the merry-go-round (CPSC 12.2, ASTM 8.8.1.4).	
13	There are no accessible shearing or crushing mechanisms in the undercarriage of the equipment, and the platform does not provide an oscillatory (up and down) motion (CPSC 12.2, ASTM 8.8.1.5).	
14	The peripheral speed of the platform does not exceed 13 feet per second (CPSC 12.2, ASTM 8.8.1.6).	
15	There is a minimum of 9" between the protective surface and the underside of a merry-go-round platform with a max. ht. Of 14" for the platform surface (CPSC 12.2, ASTM 8.8.1.2, 8.8.1.4).	
16	Pinch, Crush, and Shear Points (CPSC 9.5, ASTM 6.4): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equipment is free of sharp edges. - There are no open holes in the equipment forming traps (e.g. at the ends of the tubes). - There are no pinch, crush or shear points. 	
17	Protrusions (CPSC 9.2, ASTM 6.2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No components fail protrusion test. - Nuts, bolts and screws are recessed, covered or sanded smooth and level. 	
18	Entanglements/Entrapment Angles (CPSC 9.4, 9.6, ASTM 6.3): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No more than two threads of the fastener protrude through any nut. - No obstacles or protrusions project upwards from a horizontal plane extending more than 1/8" perpendicular to the plane of the initial surface. - There are no open "V" entrapment angles on any part of the equipment. See Figs. A1.3-4 in ASTM F 1487. 	
19	Head Entrapments (CPSC 9.6, ASTM 6.1): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No components fail the entrapment test. - There are no partially bounded openings. See Figs. A1.6a-A1.10 in ASTM F 1487. 	

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	Specific Conditions	Comments
20	<p>Hardware:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nuts and bolts are tight and not able to be loosened without tools. Upon close inspection, they show no loose play or excessive wear (CPSC 8.2). - Equipment is free of rust and chipping paint (CPSC 8.1). - Equipment is free of sharp edges, splinters or rough surfaces and shows no excessive wear (CPSC 9.1). - Ropes, chains and cables have not frayed or worn out (CPSC 7.2). - Equipment has not shifted or become bent (CPSC 8.1). - There is no corrosion or visible rotting at points where equipment comes into contact with ground surface (CPSC 7.2, 8.1). - No components are missing. All parts of the equipment are present and in good working order with no loose play or excessive wear in moving parts (CPSC 7.2, 8.1). - Handgrips are between 0.95" and 1.55" in diameter (CPSC 10.2.1). - Footings for equipment are stable and buried below ground level or covered by surfacing materials (CPSC 9.7). - Equipment is free of any litter, debris and surfacing material (ASTM 7.1.2). - Equipment use zone is free of litter and debris (CPSC 7.2). 	

Sand Play Area

	Specific Conditions	Comments
1	Sand play is located in a shaded area.	
2	The sand play area is inspected and raked at least every week for debris and to provide exposure to air and sun.	
3	If the sand play area is in a box, it is covered at night to prevent animal excrement contamination.	
4	The sand play area does not have standing water 24 hours after a rainfall.	
5	Elevated sand boxes have appropriate use zone with proper impact absorbing material (CPSC 4.4).	
6	<p>Pinch, Crush, and Shear Points (CPSC 9.5, ASTM 6.4):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equipment is free of sharp edges. - There are no open holes in the equipment forming traps (e.g. at ends of the tubes). - There are no pinch, crush or shear points. 	
7	<p>Protrusions (CPSC 9.2, ASTM 6.2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No components fail protrusion test. - Nuts, bolts and screw are recessed, covered or sanded smooth and level. 	

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	Specific Conditions	Comments
8	Entanglements/Entrapment Angles (CPSC 9.4, 9.6, ASTM 6.3): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No more than two threads of the fastener protrude through any nut. - No obstacles or protrusions project upwards from a horizontal plane extending more than 1/8" perpendicular to the plane of the initial surface. - There are no open "V" entrapment angles on any part of the equipment. See Figs. A1.3-4 in ASTM F 1487. 	
9	Head Entrapments (CPSC 9.6, ASTM 6.1): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No components fail the entrapment test. - There are no partially bounded openings. See Figs. A1.6a-A1.10 in ASTM F 1487. 	
10	Hardware: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nuts and bolts are tight and not able to be loosened without tools. Upon close inspection, they show no loose play or excessive wear (CPSC 8.2). - Equipment is free of rust and chipping paint (CPSC 8.1). - Equipment is free of sharp edges, splinters or rough surfaces and shows no excessive wear (CPSC 9.1). - Ropes, chains and cables have not frayed or worn out (CPSC 7.2). - Equipment has not shifted or become bent (CPSC 8.1). - There is no corrosion or visible rotting at points where equipment comes into contact with ground surface (CPSC 7.2, 8.1). - No components are missing. All parts of the equipment are present and in good working order with no loose play or excessive wear in moving parts (CPSC 7.2, 8.1). - Handgrips are between 0.95" and 1.55" in diameter (CPSC 10.2.1). - Footings for equipment are stable and buried below ground level or covered by surfacing materials (CPSC 9.7). - Equipment is free of any litter, debris and surfacing material (ASTM 7.1.2). - Equipment use zone is free of litter and debris (CPSC 7.2). 	

Specific Equipment Index Points Form (SEIP Form) Equipment/Component Name:

	Specific Conditions	Comments
1	Pinch, Crush and Shear Points (CPSC 9.5, ASTM 6.4): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equipment is free of sharp edges. - There are no open holes in the equipment forming traps (e.g. at the ends of the tubes). - There are no pinch, crush or shear points. 	

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Equipment/Component Name: - Continued _____

	Specific Conditions	Comments
2	Protrusions (CPSC 9.2, ASTM 6.2): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No components fail protrusion test. - Nuts, bolts and screws are recessed, covered or sanded smooth and level. 	
3	Entanglements/Entrapment Angles (CPSC 9.4, 9.6, ASTM 6.3): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No more than two threads of the fastener protrude through any nut. - No obstacles or protrusions project upwards from a horizontal plane extending more than 1/8" perpendicular to the plane of the initial surface. - There are no open "V" entrapment angles on any part of the equipment. See Figs. A1.3-4 in ASTM F 1487. 	
4	Head Entrapments (CPSC 9.6, ASTM 6.1): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No components fail the entrapment test. - There are no partially bounded openings. See Figs. A1.6a-A1.10 in ASTM F 1487. 	
5	Hardware: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nuts and bolts are tight and not able to be loosened without tools. Upon close inspection, they show no loose play or excessive wear (CPSC 8.2). - Equipment is free of rust and chipping paint (CPSC 8.1). - Equipment is free of sharp edges, splinters or rough surfaces and shows no excessive wear (CPSC 9.1). - Ropes, chains and cables have not frayed or worn out (CPSC 7.2). - Equipment has not shifted or become bent (CPSC 8.1). - There is no corrosion or visible rotting at points where equipment comes in to contact with ground surface (CPSC 7.2, 8.1). - No components are missing. All parts of the equipment are present and in good working order with no loose play or excessive wear in moving parts (CPSC 7.2, 8.1). - Handgrips are between 0.95" and 1.55" in diameter (CPSC 10.2.1). - Footings for equipment are stable and buried below ground level or covered by surfacing materials (CPSC 9.7). - Equipment is free of any litter, debris and surfacing material (ASTM 7.1.2). - Equipment use zone is free of litter and debris (CPSC 7.2). 	

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