

Maintenance Checklist for Playgrounds**GENERAL UPKEEP**

- ☐ Check that area is free of miscellaneous debris and litter.
- ☐ Check that trash or garbage is not accessible to children.
- ☐ Check for any broken or missing pieces of equipment.

SURFACING

- ☐ Check for equipment which does not have adequate protective surfacing under and around it and for surfacing materials that have deteriorated.
- ☐ Check for protrusions and projections, like nuts, bolts, or bar ends.
- ☐ Check for missing or damaged protective caps or plugs.
- ☐ Check for potential clothing entanglement hazards, such as open S-hooks.
- ☐ Check for pinch, crush, and shearing points or exposed moving parts.
- ☐ Check for trip hazards, such as exposed footings on anchoring devices and rocks, roots, or any other environmental obstacles in the play area.

DETERIORATION OF EQUIPMENT

- ☐ Check all equipment and other playground features for rust, rot cracks, and splinters, with special attention to possible corrosion where structures come in contact with the ground.
- ☐ Check for unstable anchoring of equipment.

SECURITY OF HARDWARE

- ☐ Check for any loose or worn connecting or fastening hardware devices: for example, check the S-hooks at both ends of suspending elements of swings and all connection points of flexible climbing devices for wear.

EQUIPMENT USE ZONES

- ☐ Check for obstacles in equipment use zones.
- ☐ Check for 6 feet of fall/use zones around all climbing equipment.

DRAINAGE SYSTEMS

- ☐ Check the entire play area for drainage problems, with special attention to heavy use or areas such as those under swings and slide exits regions.

Signature _____ Inspection Date _____

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, "Handbook for Public Playground Safety". 1991