

PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE General Maintenance Checklist

Date						
Inadequate surfacing material under equipment*						
Visible cracks, bending, warping						
Accessible sharp edges or points*						
Rusted metal surfaces						
Rusting of metal and corrosion on aluminum						
Deformation of open hooks, rings, links, etc.*						
Worn swing hangers and chain						
Missing or damaged swing seats						
Heavy swing seats with sharp corners or edges*						
Broken supports/anchors						
Jagged, exposed or cracked concrete footing						
Exposed ends of pipe, missing caps or plugs*						
Protruding bolt ends*						
Chipped or peeling paint						
Fraying rope/exposed steel reinforcement strands						
Vandalism, broken glass, trash, etc.						
Broken or missing rails, steps, rungs, seats						
Loose or missing hardware						
Crush or Shear points*						
Moving components, etc.						
Lack of lubrication on moving parts						
Worn bearings						
Poor drainage areas at footings, slide exits, etc.						
Vandalized or cracked PVC coating						

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PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE Frequency of General Maintenance

How Often	Check	Swings	Slides	Climbers	Structures	Rockers	Spinners
Daily	Open S hooks	x		X	X		
Daily	Broken anchor bolts	x	X	X	X	X	X
Daily	Worn chains	x		X	X		
Daily	Broken guardrails/handrails	x	Х	X	X	X	X
Daily	Sharp edges	X	X	X	X	X	X
Daily	Loose or missing nuts/bolts	X	X	X	X	X	X
Daily	Sharp points/protrusions	X	X	X	X	X	X
Daily	Unplugged holes in pipe	X	X	X	X	X	X
Daily/Weekly	Broken welds	X	X	X	X	X	X
Daily/Weekly	Inadequate surfacing	X	X	X	X	X	X
Daily/Weekly	Rope fraying with exposed steel strands			X	X		
Daily/Weekly	Vandalized/cracked PVC Coating	х		X	X		
Weekly	Worn pinions/clevises	X		X	X		
Weekly	Exposed rootings	X	X	X	X	X	X
Weekly	Worn bearings	X			X		X
Weekly	Rust of metal	X	X	X	X	X	X
Weekly	Corrosion of aluminum	X	X	X	X	X	X
Monthly	Add grease lubrication to wheel bearings	X			X		Х
Monthly	Play mats	X	X	X	X	X	X
Spring/Fall	Pinch points	X	X	X	X	X	X
Inclement Weather	Remove shade canopy				X		
Bi-annual	Touch up paint and PVC	X		X	X	X	X
Annual	Wash structure	X	Х	X	X	X	X