

13.2.13 Playground Inspection

Item to be Inspected	Safe	Unsafe	Action
Are chains bent, worn, or have open links/pinch points/rust/rough edges			
Do any s-hooks/fastening devices show signs of excessive wear or cracking? Are they all securely closed?			
Do any seats show signs of wear, sharp edges or points/scorching or burn damage/safety bar?			
Are all clamps secure?			
To ensue stability: Are all structures aligned such that they do not easily sway/connections are solid/there is no obvious misalignment of components such as supports, platforms, barriers, etc.?			
Is there any exposed concrete?			
Check for gaps that could entangle clothing, drawstrings, etc.? Pay particular attention to sitting and sliding sections of slides and entrance of sliding poles.			
Are all nuts and bolts in place?			
Are all normally present chain covers in place or have they been damaged?			
Are all hand/safety railings, support bars/legs, steps and fastening points secure, that no bolts or fittings are visibly missing or loose, that there are no splinters or cracked, broken components?			
Check for protruding bolts or rivet heads/missing or visibly loose joints or broken welds and any broken or loose components or supports. If there are any defects on the slide and repairs will take some time, block off the entrance to the slide until repairs are completed.			
Are all platforms, stairs and steps free of missing or loose bolts, any broken, bent, loose or missing components or fasteners?			

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Are all plastic components free of cracks, sharp edges, discoloration, scorching or burn damage, and ensure that components are properly fastened and secure?			
Are all strings/bars secure, are any components bent so that the structure tilts in a way that it is not supposed to? Are any parts such as the foot bars missing or miss-located?			
Are all handles securely fastened, free of broken welds, missing or visibly loose bolts, sharp points, and bent parts?			
Check for free movement of pivot points. Is that pivot point functioning properly or is there apparent damage?			
Are there any missing or visibly loose, missing, bent, or badly rusted nuts and bolts?			
Ensure that all locking fastening devices are secure.			
Are all wood timber and support posts free of excess cracking?			
Check for any protrusions from the structure, sharp edges must be covered or filed smooth.			
Check that caps and plugs are in place on open-ended points. Have broken or missing caps/plugs are either replaced? Have sharp edges been removed?			
Is there any displaced protective surfacing displaced? If exposed concrete is above the surrounding ground level then take the piece of equipment out of use and report. Ensure that the gravel is loose, not compacted and free of debris, broken glass, needles, animal defecation, etc.			
Are there any splinters, sharp edges, large cracks, damage, stability or tightness of fasteners?			

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Check the entire playground for debris and litter, broken glass, needles, or syringes, animal defecation, and any objects or markings which had been left on the playground which are not appropriate, e.g. graffiti.			
Is there any visible signs of damage or pooling areas at the playground?			
Check that all outside building lights are working.			
Is there any visible damage or graffiti? Check sign fastening points/signs for weather damage.			
Inspect for any visible damage/protruding points on fence fabric, hardware, and attachments, such as skipping ropes.			