

SEASONAL

INSPECTION LIST FOR CHILD CARE OUTDOOR SETTINGS

Name of facility _____ Date checked _____

Location _____ Time of inspection _____

Name of operator _____ Signature _____

Name of person checking _____ Signature _____

The operator shall complete an inspection on a monthly basis to recognize and remedy defects in playspaces and/or equipment. CAN/CSA Z614-98 Children's Playspaces and Equipment.

Playground item OK/NO	Comments/ Action needed	Action taken/ Date/Signature
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Is fence in good condition? (fencing is mandatory in child care legislation)		
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Are gates closed ?*		
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Is the area free of trash, glass, debris ?		
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Is it free of toxic plants and insect problems ?		
Is the loose fill protective surface : <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> free of low areas and holes, <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> free of animal faeces, <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> free of glass, weeds, debris <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> in good condition : uncompacted, of sufficient depth, unfrozen ?		
WEEKLY : Has the loose-fill		

<p>material :</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> been raked or turned with a pitchfork or other device (ex. rototiller for sand) ?</p>		
<p>Is the synthetic protective surfacing :</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> free of slippery materials (sand, pea gravel, ice...),</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> free of gaps, indents or warp,</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> unfrozen ?</p>		
<p>Are the protective zones</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> free of obstacles (toys...)</p>		
<p>Are circulation paths :</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> free of slippery materials (sand, pea gravel, water, ice) ?</p>		
<p>Is play equipment (stairs, platforms):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> free of slippery materials(ice, sand, pea gravel) ?</p>		
<p>Each piece of equipment :</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> is well anchored</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> anchoring device is covered (concrete base...).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> is free of missing, loose, bending, cracking, worn rotten or broken parts</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> is free of sharp edges,</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> is free of exposed bolts or other hazardous protrusions ?</p>		
<p>Metal decks and slides :</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> are shaded or oriented north to prevent overheating.</p>		
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Ropes have been untied from equipment if any.</p>		
<p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Moving parts are out of the reach of children</p>		

<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Has the play sand been maintained?		
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Surfaces of slides and sitting places are smooth *		
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Small wading pools are emptied every day after use. Water temperature is moderate.*		
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Area is free of tripping hazards (roots...)		
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Broken branches on trees and bushes have been trimmed without sharp points		
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Children's clothing has been checked (no cords drawstrings, scarves). <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen is used in sunny conditions*		
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit, phone and children's records are available.*		
For toddlers and infants : <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Small items on which children could choke have been removed.		

Most of the items in this list are required either to conform to CSA standards (1998) or child care legislation. Others are recommendations by other experts or agencies. These are identified with an * or a reference. Some may not apply to your setting (ex. : closed gates are not necessary for school age children..).

ALL ITEMS THAT RECEIVED A "NO" SHOULD BE ATTENDED TO WITHOUT DELAY.

Winter Inspection

Playground Item	Action Required	Action Taken (date/signature)
OK/NO <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Activity centre is closed and tightly secured?		
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Surfaces are clear and are maintained for active use?		
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Gates are free of all obstructions?		
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> All summer play equipment is stored properly? <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> All winter play equipment is checked and added to play ground?		
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Fences/gates are clear and allow for easy access?		

Summer Inspection

Playground Item	Action Required	Action Taken (date/signature)
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Activity centre is appropriately opened?		
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> All foliage has been checked in and around playground?		
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Gates are free of all obstructions?		
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> All winter play equipment is stored properly? <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> All summer play equipment is checked and added to play ground?		
<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Site is in generally acceptable condition?		