



**ABCD HEAD START AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES
Playground & Outdoor Area
Inspection Checklist**

Program _____ Site _____

Playground _____

<i>Guidelines for inspections</i>	Equipment Description	Safe Condition Y/N	Recommended Action	Action Taken/ Date
<u>Outdoor play space</u> Does the playground provide a minimum of 75 square feet of usable outdoor space per child?				
Are outdoor play areas at center-based programs arranged to prevent children from getting into both unsafe and unsupervised areas?				
Are children exposed to vehicular traffic without supervision in route to the outdoor playground?				
Are there any strong odors/fumes?				
Are children being exposed to excess dust? (i.e. abutting construction site?)				
<u>Surfacing (min. 6" for 7 ft. fall height)</u> The equipment has adequate protective surfacing under and 6 feet around it and the surfacing materials have not deteriorated.				
Are the materials being used safe? Can any of the loose material be ingested or put in mouth?				
Loose-fill surfacing materials have no foreign objects or debris.				

Loose-fill surfacing materials in heavy use areas such as under swings or at slide exits are spread evenly for appropriate depth.				
<u>Sharp Points, Corners and Edges</u> There are no sharp points, corners or edges on the equipment				
There are no missing or damaged protective caps or plugs.				
<u>Major Hazards</u> There are no hazardous protrusions and projections.				
There are no potential clothing entanglement hazards, such as open S-hooks or anything protruding more than 1/8 inch around the slide.				
There are no head entrapment hazards.				
<u>Pinch, Crush and Shearing Points</u> There are no pinch, crush, and shearing points or exposed moving parts.				
<u>Tripping Hazards</u> There are no trip hazards, such as exposed footings on anchoring devices and rocks, roots, or any other environmental obstacles.				
<u>Maintenance</u> The equipment has no rust; rot, cracks or splinters, especially where it comes in contact with the ground.				
There are no broken or missing components on the equipment (e.g. handrails, guardrails, protective barriers, steps on ladders) and there are no damaged fences, benches, or signs on the playground.				
All equipment is securely anchored.				
There are no loose fastening devices or worn connections, such as S-hooks.				

Does the building have any visible access points for moisture, debris, dust or pests? (i.e. gaps/cracks in walls or under doors, loose vents, Cracked windows?)				
Is the playground a safe distance from idling cars?				
Is the trash dumpster a safe distance from building and playground?				
<u>Leaded Paint</u> There are no areas of visible leaded paint chips or accumulation of lead dust.				
<u>General Upkeep of Playgrounds</u> The entire playground is free from miscellaneous debris or litter such as tree branches, soda cans, bottles, glass, etc.				
Trash receptacles are not full				
No sign of vandalism.				
Outdoor play area is cleaned daily prior to use.				
Evidence of pests/insects near playground or around building				
Comments:				

Plan of Action needed	
Date	Signature of Reviewer

Inspected by: _____ Date: _____

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