

# ✓ Kid Checker

For Pre-School Students

National Program for Playground Safety



Circle "Yes" or "No" in the box to answer the question.

Once you have completed each box, please turn the page over to find out what to do about problems.

## Supervision

## Age

## Fall

## Equipment

### Appropriate

### Surfacing

### Maintenance

Don't play here yet!

Important!

<p><b>Are adults at the playground?</b></p> <p>Yes / No</p> <p>There should always be an adult on the playground.</p>	<p><b>Are you playing in your space?</b></p> <p>Yes / No</p> <p>There should be a space for infants &amp; toddlers (6-23 months), preschoolers (ages 2-5), and school age children (ages 5-12).</p>	<p><b>Does the ground have the right padding?</b></p> <p>Yes / No</p> <p>The play area should have sand, pea gravel, wood chips, shredded rubber, turf, or rubber surfacing.</p>	<p><b>Is the equipment in good shape?</b></p> <p>Yes / No</p> <p>The equipment should not have any broken parts.</p>
<p><b>Are you wearing the right clothes and shoes?</b></p> <p>Yes / No</p> <p>Children should wear closed-toe shoes while playing. Don't wear drawstrings, scarves, or necklaces on equipment.</p>	<p><b>Are you making sure you get lots of active play?</b></p> <p>Yes / No</p> <p>At least 60 minutes a day!</p>	<p><b>Is the playground environment clean?</b></p> <p>Yes / No</p> <p>The playground area should not have trash on the ground.</p>	<p><b>Do you use the equipment the right way?</b></p> <p>Yes / No</p> <p>Play on the equipment the way it is supposed to be used.</p>

# Thanks for being a Kid Checker!



The boxes that are checked NO are problem areas that need immediate attention. You should report the problems to:

- Family Member
- Teacher
- PTA President
- Principal
- Child Care Director
- Park Department Director
- Someone In Charge

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

The playground that you checked at was a:  
School \_\_\_\_\_ Park \_\_\_\_\_ Child Care \_\_\_\_\_

You can continue to help make your playground SAFE:

- Check the playground for safe conditions
- Pick up the trash
- Help make adults aware of equipment that needs fixing
- Play on the playground once it is safe
- Teach other children about the importance of playground safety.

To receive your **Kid-Checker Certificate** send this information to:

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