

Kid Checker

For School Age Students

National Program for Playground Safety



Supervision

Age

Fall

Equipment

Appropriate

Surfacing

Maintenance

Priority #1:

Don't play here yet!

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

Priority #2:

Must do!

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

Priority #3:

Really Important!

<p>Are adults at the playground?</p> <p><input type="text" value="Yes / No"/></p> <p>There should always be an adult on the playground.</p>	<p>Are you playing on the right equipment for your age?</p> <p><input type="text" value="Yes / No"/></p> <p>If play areas are provided for preschoolers (ages 2-5), there should be a separate play area for school age children (ages 5-12).</p>	<p>Does the surface have appropriate materials?</p> <p><input type="text" value="Yes / No"/></p> <p>The play area should have sand, pea gravel, wood chips, shredded rubber, turf, or rubber surfacing.</p>	<p>Are all the spaces less than 3 1/2 inches or greater than 9 inches?</p> <p><input type="text" value="Yes / No"/></p> <p>Spaces that are between 3 1/2 inches and 9 inches is a space where your head could get trapped.</p> <p>Don't try it!</p>
<p>Are you wearing the right clothes and shoes?</p> <p><input type="text" value="Yes / No"/></p> <p>Children should wear closed-toe shoes while playing. Don't wear sweatshirts with drawstrings, scarves, or necklaces on equipment.</p>	<p>Is the equipment the correct height?</p> <p><input type="text" value="Yes / No"/></p> <p>Equipment should be below 8 feet for children ages 5-12.</p>	<p>Are the materials nine inches deep?</p> <p><input type="text" value="Yes / No"/></p> <p>Loose materials like sand, pea gravel, wood chips, or shredded rubber should be 9 inches deep or more.</p>	<p>Is the playground equipment in good shape?</p> <p><input type="text" value="Yes / No"/></p> <p>The equipment should not have any broken parts.</p>
<p>Are there playground rules posted?</p> <p><input type="text" value="Yes / No"/></p> <p>Rules should be posted at the playground. It is important to follow these rules!</p>	<p>Are you making sure you get lots of active play?</p> <p><input type="text" value="Yes / No"/></p> <p>Play actively for at least 60 minutes a day!</p>	<p>Is the playground environment clean?</p> <p><input type="text" value="Yes / No"/></p> <p>The playground area should not have trash on the ground.</p>	<p>Do you use the equipment the right way?</p> <p><input type="text" value="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:

The National Program for Playground Safety

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