**PLAYGROUND SAFETY CHECKLIST**

Below checklist should be completed by the playground aid / manager.

**Checked By:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Date:**  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 **Check:** ( Explain in the comments found below when you check no)

 **YES NO**

 **SURFACING**

1. Is there enough protective surfacing under and around the equipment (12-14”

 sand, shredded wood or similar protection)? \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

2. Is the area for loose-fill surfacing material free of dangerous objects such as

 glass or debris? \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

3. Is the installed surfacing material in most used areas such as swings and

 slides away from hard surfaces, uncompressed and of sufficient depth? \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

 **GENERAL HAZARDS**

4. Is all equipment free of pinch or sharp edges that may injure children? \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

5. Are all protective caps or plugs used to cover pipe ends in good condition or

 undamaged? \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

6. Are all dangerous bumps or extensions removed (e.g bolts, nuts)? \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

7. Is all equipment free of protruding s-hooks or bolts that may cause clothing

 entanglement? \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

8. Have you checked if there are no exposed moving parts, sharp points or any

 pinch? \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

9. Is the playground area free of any environmental obstacles such as rocks or

 exposed footings that could cause trip hazards? \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

 **EQUIPMENT DETERIORATION**

10. Are equipments free of cracks or splinters? \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

11. Are equipments structural components free of defects and in good

 condition (e.g. handrails, protective barriers, steps on ladders)? \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

12. Have you ensured that all fences, benches, and signs on the playground is in

 good condition? \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

13. Is all equipment properly anchored to avoid falls or injury? \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

 **HARDWARE SECURITY**

14. Are all movable wings, bolts or fastening devices secured and in good

 condition? \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

15. Have you ensured that all moving components (ie.swing hangers) are unworn

 and safe? \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

 **DRAINAGE**

16. Are drainage properly provided? \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

 **UPKEEP OF PLAYGROUNDS**

17. Are playground areas free of litter (ie. cans, glass, animal waste etc)? \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_

 **ACTIONS TAKEN ON DANGEROUS CONDITIONS FOUND FROM THIS CHECKLIST:**

\_\_\_\_ remove/repair the problem

 \_\_\_\_ notify the manager

 \_\_\_\_ close the area

 \_\_\_\_ no dangerous conditions found

**COMMENTS:**