

Playground Safety Checklist	Sign	Date	Comments
Fall height and fall zones			
Is the possible fall height less than 1,5 m from all pieces of equipment?			
Is there a minimum clearance of at least 2 m separating each piece of equipment?			
Safety surfacing			
Is there impact-absorbing material under all pieces of equipment over 500 mm in height? (e.g. sand, bark, mulch or ground rubber)			
Is the surfacing well maintained? (e.g. at least 300 mm depth of loose fill material)			
Design hazards			
Is the equipment free of possible spaces a child could get their head stuck such as openings between 80 mm and 230 mm?			
Is all moving equipment free of any potential trapping and pinching points?			
Are there sturdy guard and handrails, appropriate to a child's hand and grip size? Any platform higher than 30 cm is required to have a rail.			
Does the larger equipment prevent possible climbing on the outside of the structure? No structures may be higher than 1,5 m.			
Shading			
Is all equipment suitably shaded, if no natural shade applies?			
Maintenance			
Is the equipment's frame stable and free from movement?			
Is the equipment free from rust, cracks or broken items?			
Are timber items on the equipment free from rotten or splintered wood?			

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Is the play area free of loose stones or gravel?			
Is the play area free of trip hazards?			
Is the play area free of tree branches or anything sharp at children's eye level?			
Slide			
Is the slide securely anchored in the ground?			
Does the slide have built up sides?			
Do the slide steps have a guard rail?			
Swings			
Are the swings securely anchored to the ground?			
Do the swings for children under 6 years of age have chair-like back support?			
Do the tyre swings have drainage holes to let out rain water?			
Is the area under the swings filled with sand?			
Sandpit			
Is the sandpit placed in the shade or have a roof for sun protection?			
Is the depth of the sand pit at least 40 cm?			
Is the sandpit filled with river sand?			
Playground			
Is the playground enclosed and gated?			
Is there enough space in the play area for children to play?			
Are all garden tools, equipment and chemicals locked away?			
Is the area free of all poisonous or thorny plants?			
Is the area free of any litter or dangerous objects lying around, such as glass, tins and rusty nails?			