



PLAYGROUND CHECKLIST

HOW SAFE IS YOUR PLAYGROUND?

EQUIPMENT

Fall Height & Fall Zones

- | | YES | NO |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Is the fall height less than 1.8m from all items of equipment? (Early Childhood) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the fall height less than 3.0m from all items of equipment? (All other settings) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is there a minimum clearances around each item of equipment? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Under-surfacing

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| Is there impact absorbing material under all items of equipment over 600mm in height? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the under-surfacing well maintained? (200mm minimum deep loose fill material) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Design Hazards

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| Is the play area free of head entrapment spaces – openings between 89mm – 230mm? (600mm or more off the ground) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is any moving equipment free from potential wedging or crushing points? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are there sturdy guard rails and handrails appropriate to a child's grip size? (16-45mm) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Does the equipment design prevent possible climbing on the outside of the structure? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Maintenance

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| Is the equipment frame stable and free from movement? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the equipment free from rust, cracks or broken items? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Are timber items on the equipment free from rotted or splintered wood? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the area free from any protruding bolts or sharp edges on the equipment? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the play space area free from loose stones or gravel? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the play area free from trip hazards? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Is the play area free from tree branches at eye level or exposed tree roots? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

If you answered **NO** to any of these, the playground could be in need of attention!



OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Age appropriate Design

Does the play area have separate areas for different age groups?

YES NO

Is positive signage indicating the recommended age groups for equipment provided?

Location

Do you believe that the playground area is adequately separated from environmental hazards?

Do you believe that the playground is adequately separated from busy roadways?

Shade

Are there shade structures or trees offering shade over the playground area?

Supervision

Is there some place nearby for adults to sit and easily view children on the equipment?

Are there rules posted regarding expected behaviour?

Onsite Facilities

Are there facilities such as toilets, drink fountains that are easily accessible from the play area?

Is there appropriate access for users with disabilities?

Play @ Kidsafe WA offers a variety of services aimed at improving the safety of WA Playgrounds. Services include education workshops, advice and playground assessments.

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