

Playground Safety Checklist

Date of Safety Check: _____

	Meets safety standard	Note changes to be made
Surfaces around and under equipment have at least 9 inches of wood chips, mulch, sand, or pea gravel, or mats made of safety-tested rubber or rubber-like materials		
Protective surfacing extends at least 6 feet in all directions from play equipment		
Swings – protective surfacing extends twice the height of the suspending bar, in back and front		
Play structures more than 30 inches high are spaced at least 9 feet apart		
No open "S" hooks or protruding bolt ends		
Spaces that could trap children, such as openings in guardrails or between ladder rungs, measure less than 3.5 inches or more than 9 inches		
No sharp points or sharp edges on equipment		
No tripping hazards, such as tree stumps, rocks, or exposed concrete footings		
Elevated surfaces, such as platforms and ramps, have guardrails		
Equipment and surfacing are in good condition		

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, retrieved March 2013
<http://www.cpsc.gov/Safety-Education/Safety-Guides/Sports-and-Recreation/Playground/Public-Playground-Safety-Checklist/>