



Help us determine if your playground is safe!

Check YES or NO in each box to determine whether or not your playground has problems.



	S upervision	A ge Appropriate	F all Surfacing	E quipment Maintenance
RED Most Serious May Cause Death	<p style="color: red;"><i>Are adults at the playground?</i></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <input style="border: 1px solid red; width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/> YES <input style="border: 1px solid red; width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/> NO </div> <p>Adults should always be at the playground if children are there.</p>	<p style="color: red;"><i>Are the play areas separated?</i></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <input style="border: 1px solid red; width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/> YES <input style="border: 1px solid red; width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/> NO </div> <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 style="color: red;"><i>Does the surface have appropriate materials?</i></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <input style="border: 1px solid red; width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/> YES <input style="border: 1px solid red; width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/> NO </div> <p>Appropriate materials are sand, pea gravel, wood products, shredded rubber, rubber mats or poured-in-place rubber.</p>	<p style="color: red;"><i>Are all the spaces less than 3 1/2 inches or greater than 9 inches?</i></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <input style="border: 1px solid red; width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/> YES <input style="border: 1px solid red; width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/> NO </div> <p>Spaces that are between 3 1/2 inches and 9 inches can cause strangulation.</p>
WHITE Very Serious May Cause Severe Injuries	<p><i>Can adults see children in crawl spaces?</i></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <input style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/> YES <input style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/> NO </div> <p>Crawl spaces are places where children can hide.</p>	<p><i>Is the equipment at the correct height?</i></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <input style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/> YES <input style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/> NO </div> <p>Equipment should be below 8 feet for children ages 5-12.</p>	<p><i>Are the materials 12 inches deep?</i></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <input style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/> YES <input style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/> NO </div> <p>Sand, pea gravel, wood products, or shredded rubber should be 12 inches deep.</p>	<p><i>Is the equipment in good condition?</i></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <input style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/> YES <input style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/> NO </div> <p>The equipment should not have any broken parts.</p>
BLUE Serious May Cause Minor Injury	<p><i>Are there rules posted?</i></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <input style="border: 1px solid blue; width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/> YES <input style="border: 1px solid blue; width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/> NO </div> <p>Rules should be posted at the playground to tell children what to do and what not to do.</p>	<p><i>Are signs posted about supervision and separation of equipment?</i></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <input style="border: 1px solid blue; width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/> YES <input style="border: 1px solid blue; width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/> NO </div> <p>There should be signs about adult supervision and separation of play areas (2-5 and 5-12).</p>	<p><i>Is the playground environment clean?</i></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <input style="border: 1px solid blue; width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/> YES <input style="border: 1px solid blue; width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/> NO </div> <p>The playground area should not have trash on the ground.</p>	<p><i>Is the equipment surface smooth?</i></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <input style="border: 1px solid blue; width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/> YES <input style="border: 1px solid blue; width: 40px; height: 30px;" type="checkbox"/> NO </div> <p>The playground should have no rust or splinters on the equipment.</p>



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



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 one or more of the following:

- Parent
- Teacher
- PTA President
- Principal
- Child Care Director
- Park Department Director

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*

NAME: _____	AGE: _____
ADDRESS: _____	
CITY: _____	
STATE: _____	ZIP: _____
THE PLAYGROUND THAT YOU CHECKED WAS AT A:	
SCHOOL _____	PARK _____ CHILD CARE _____

To receive your *Kid-Checker Certificate* send this information to:
The National program for Playground Safety
University of Northern Iowa
WRC 205
Cedar Falls, IA 50614-0618

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