

Playground Safety Checklist



Playground Surfaces

Are there at least 12 inches of safe surface (wood chips, mulch, sand or mats) around playground equipment?

Do safe surfaces reach at least 6 feet in all directions?

Structure Spacing

Are play structures that are more than 30 inches high at least 9 feet apart?

Are the openings in guardrails or between ladder rungs no less than 3.5 or more than 9 inches apart?

Dangerous Hardware

Are there open "S" hooks, bolt ends that stick out, or sharp points or edges on equipment?

Tripping Hazards

Are there exposed concrete footings, tree stumps, and rocks that could cause tripping?

Falling Hazards

Do platforms, steps, and ramps have guardrails to prevent falls?

