

Catholic Mutual... "CARES"

SCHOOL SAFETY

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT SAFETY INSPECTION CHECKLIST

This checklist should be used to conduct an inspection of your playground on a regular basis. The completed checklist should be given to the School Administrator and any problem areas addressed immediately. A copy should be kept on file in the school office.

Problem Areas	Yes	No	Location	Corrective Action Taken
1. Visible cracks, bending, warping, rusting, or breakage of any compartment.				
2. Deformities of open hooks, shackles, rings, links, etc.				
3. Worn swing hangers and chairs.				
4. Missing, damaged, or loose swing seats; heavy seats with sharp edges or corners.				
5. All "S" hooks are completely closed.				
6. Broken supports/anchors.				
7. Footings exposed, cracked, or loose in the ground.				
8. Accessible sharp edges or points.				
9. Exposed ends of tubing that should be covered by plugs or caps.				
10. Protruding bolt ends that do not have a smooth finished cap or cover.				
11. Loose bolts, nuts, etc.				
12. Splintered, cracked, or otherwise deteriorated wood.				
13. Lack of lubrication on moving parts.				
14. Worn bearings.				
15. Broken or missing rails, steps, rungs, or seats.				
16. Surfacing material is thinning underneath equipment *				
17. Surfacing material in 6 foot use zone is thinning *				
18. Visible concrete footings around equipment				
19. Chipped or peeling paint.				
20. Vandalism (broken glass, trash, etc.)				
21. Pinch or crush points (exposed mechanisms, junctures of moving components; for example, the axis of seesaw).				
22. Tripping hazards (i.e. roots, rocks, holes, etc.)				
23. Adequate drainage area.				

Inspected by: _____

Remarks: _____

Administrator (Principal) _____

Date of Inspection: _____

* The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has established safety standards for playground surfaces. A **minimum** 9-12 inch depth of cushioning material (sand, pea gravel, wood chips, etc.) should be in place under all playground equipment where there is a potential fall from heights.
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