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Playground
Facilities Hazard Identification Inspection

Agency:	Inspection Date:
Name of Inspector:	Title:
Location Inspected:	

Needs Work Severity Key: If an item needs work, enter a severity code in the "Needs Work' column & comments at the bottom

I - Immediate: Condition presents an immediate and severe hazard to users
P - Priority: Condition needs repairs on a priority basis
R - Routine: Condition needs maintenance, repairs, or monitoring

#	Needs Work	N/A	OK	Condition Surveyed
	Use Zones & Surfacing			
1				Use Zones extend at least 6' beyond all equipment (2x height for swings)
2				Loose fill (mulch, rubber, sand) is at proper height (min. 9" for wood fiber)
3				Loose fill is free of standing water and vegetation
4				Loose fill is replaced in heavy-use areas (under swings, exit of slides, & merry-go-rounds)
5				Poured-in-place surfacing and mats or tiles are in good condition
6				Use Zone is free of obstructions (picnic tables, trees, or wires lower than 84")
7				Use Zone is free of broken glass, debris, trash, & evidence of unauthorized activity.
8				Border of Use Zone is clearly visible. Border material and anchors do not pose a hazard.
	Play Structures & Equipment			
9				Play structures (columns, connectors, steps, platforms, & caps) are in good condition.
10				Play structures are free of cracks, bending, warping, rusting, or breakage.
11				Play structures are firmly anchored & footings are covered with a protective surface.
12				Area over structures is clear of branches & wires at least 84 inches.
13				Plastic components are not brittle or cracked and are in generally good condition.
14				Warning & information labels are in good condition and legible.
15				Paint and other coatings are not peeling
16				Equipment is free of protruding bolts (less than 2 threads). Hardware is tight.
17				**Barriers, guardrails & Platforms**: firmly attached and vertical spacing not between 3½ - 9 in.
18				**Swings:** Links of chain are worn less than 25% of thickness. Seats are in good condition.
19				**Swings:** S-hooks are closed (less than 0.04" or the thickness of a dime)
20				**Rigid Climbers:** Handholds, bars, and foot supports are secure and in good condition
21				**Flexible Climbers:** Flexible components are in good condition and not stretched or slack.
22				**Rockers:** Seating/standing area and spring are in good condition. Footing covered.
23				**Ropes:** Ropes are not excessively worn, have no slack, and are secured at both ends
24				**Slides:** Bedway, sides, and discharge are in good condition. Hood/bar present.
25				**Track Slides:** Slide mechanism moves freely and is free of finger hazards
26				**Seesaw:** Firmly attached to fulcrum, handles firm, and bumpers in good condition
27				**Merry-go-round:** Speed limiter working properly; handles & platform are in good condition
28				**Play sand:** Free of unauthorized toys, animal feces, and insects. Raked smooth.

**Write line #'s & comments on the back for all "Needs Work" items, and notify management to initiate required corrective action.*
This document does not and is not intended to address every loss potential. There may be other conditions that may contain a potential for liability.

	Ancillary Equipment			
29				Signage (hours of operation, rules, age, and contact information) is legible and graffiti-free
30				Bathrooms are clean, supplies adequate, and trash emptied
31				Associated athletic fields and courts are in good condition
32				Picnic & park benches in good condition.
33				Drinking fountain and emergency phone working properly
	General Area, Access Paths, Parking Lot, and Landscaping			
34				Area free of vandalism (broken glass, graffiti, excessive trash)
35				Sidewalks and stairs & ramps free of significant trip or slip hazards
36				Areas are free of standing water & trip hazards such as roots & rocks.
37				Perimeter fencing and gates in good condition
38				Vegetation & landscaping maintained & does not present security hazard
39				Area free of dead trees & branches and other safety hazards

Comments: (Line # and description of condition)