

Playground Safety Report Card

Evaluate your playground by using S.A.F.E.



		SUPERVISION	Yes	No		
S		1. Are adults actively watching children on equipment?				
		2. Can children be seen easily on equipment?				
		3. Can children be seen in crawl spaces?				
		4. Are playground rules and expected behavior posted?				
A		AGE-APPROPRIATE			Yes	No
		5. Does the playground have separate areas for ages 2-5 and 6-12?				
		6. Are there signs indicating age-appropriate for use of equipment?				
		7. Do platforms have appropriate guardrails?				
		8. Do platforms allow a change of direction to get on/off structure?				
		9. Is there signage or labels on equipment for use of age group?				
F		FALL SURFACE				
		11. Is there soft surface material on the ground under playground?				
		12. Is there at least 6-feet of soft surface materials surrounding equipment?				
		13. Is height of all playground equipment 8-feet or lower?				
		14. Are concrete footings covered with soft cushion?				
		15. Is there at least 12-inches in depth of loose fill under equipment?				
E		EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE			Yes	No
		17. Is equipment free of rust?				
		18. Is equipment free of protruding bolts?				
		19. Is equipment free of any gaps?				
		20. Is equipment free of missing parts?				
		21. Is equipment free of head entrapments?				
		22. Is equipment free of broken parts?				
		23. Is equipment free of any splinters in wood?				
24. Is equipment free of cracks or holes?						
TOTAL						

SCORING: 1. Add the number of “Yes” answers, 2. Apply grading scale below.

USERS OF PLAYGROUND:

- ✓ No loose clothing, jewelry, scarves, bike helmets or opened-toed shoes
- ✓ Remove clothing drawstrings

SCORE	GRADE	NOTES
24-20	A	This is a SAFE playground
19-17	B	This playground provides minimally safe environment for children. Make corrective efforts for areas checked “No” or do not allow children to use
16-13	C	This playground is potentially hazardous for children. Make corrective efforts for areas checked “No” or do not allow children to use
12-8	D	This playground puts children at risk of injury or death. Make corrective efforts for areas checked “No” or do not allow children to use
7 or less	F	Do not allow children to play at this playground or on equipment

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