

Daily Safety Checklist for Playgrounds

Check/conduct the following items on a daily basis before children arrive or use the playground:	Initial When Done
1. Sweep or clear sidewalks, paved surfaces, steps, equipment surfaces and platforms of loose-fill surface materials and debris.	
2. Check ground for broken glass, garbage, animal waste, smoking/tobacco waste, etc.	
3. Check to make sure equipment surfaces/steps are dry. Bring towel to dry equipment if needed.	
4. Rake loose-fill surfacing (sand, pea rock, wood chips, etc.) to fill in areas of compaction, kick-out, or wear.	
5. Check to make sure chains of swings are not kinked or twisted.	
6. Uncover sandbox and make sure sand is free from hazards.	
7. Check inside tunnels/equipment/playhouses,etc. for hazards.	
8. Check for broken toys/equipment.	
9. Position movable play equipment at least 6 feet from stationary equipment, fences, structures, sidewalks/cement, etc. to provide a clear fall zone.	
10. Empty standing water from all collection sources.	
11. Check plastic climbers/movable equipment for cracks and to make sure all parts are connected/locked in place.	

** Remember to take first aid kit, tissues, hand sanitizer (keep out of the reach of children), disposable baby wipes, bag for garbage (if no garbage can outside), water/cups, and cell phone (if possible) with you whenever using a playground.