

## Playground Daily Safety Checklist

Week of: \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_

Playground: \_\_\_\_\_

Inspected by: \_\_\_\_\_

Mark <b>X</b> - if yes and initial	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Maintenance</b>					
Fence enclosing the play area in good repair.					
Fence gate is able to be closed securely.					
Trash or animal waste is not present on the playground.					
Standing water is emptied from all collection sources.					
No poison/dangerous plants in play area (mushrooms, berries, or thorn bushes).					
No trip hazards or holes exist on the playground.					
<b>Equipment</b>					
Sand box is raked before each use/covered when not in use.					
All climbing equipment/swings have shock absorbing material under it (average 6-12 inches of mulch, pea gravel, sand).					
Fall surface material is raked back in place in high traffic areas (under swings, end of slide, ladders).					
Moveable play equipment/toys are 6 feet away from climbers, swings, slides and other stationary equipment.					
Rope or chain ladders are anchored at both ends.					
All large climbers, swing sets and other large equipment are securely anchored to the ground.					
No protruding bolts/screws/objects, broken or rusted parts or splinters on equipment.					
No broken toys on playground.					
Broken or poorly functioning equipment has been reported.					
Broken or poorly functioning equipment is removed or not used until repaired.					
<b>Supervision</b>					
Staff are located around the play area so all areas are visible during play. Children are accounted for at all times.					
Staff closely supervise and encourage children to play safely and use the equipment as intended to reduce injuries.					
Child/staff ratios are appropriate for age of children.					
Supplies are brought to playground (first aid kit, garbage bag, tissue, water).					
Children are dressed appropriately for weather (limit outside time to 15 minutes when temperature is over 90° F and under 15° F).					
Sunscreen is applied/reapplied before play (w/ parent permission).					

Reference: American Academy of Pediatrics, Pa Chapter (2002) Model Child Care Health Policy, 4<sup>th</sup> Ed.

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission: <http://www.cpsc.gov>.