

## ANNUAL PLAYGROUND SAFETY INSPECTION CHECKLIST:

USE THIS CHECKLIST TO COMPLETE ANNUAL SAFETY CHECKS OF THE OUTDOOR PLAY AREA TO REDUCE THE POTENTIAL FOR ACCIDENTS AND INJURIES.

### School District Building Playground: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ CHECK THE EQUIPMENT FOR CRACKS, BENDING, WARPS, RUSTING, OR BREAKAGE OF ANY COMPONENT

\_\_\_ CHECK FOR TRIPPING HAZARDS, SUCH AS EXPOSED FOOTINGS, ROOTS, ROCKS, ETC.

\_\_\_ CHECK WOODEN SLIDES FOR SPLINTERING WOOD WHERE LEGS AND HANDS TOUCH

\_\_\_ CHECK FOR SLIPPING HAZARDS, SUCH AS SAND ON WALKWAYS OR PAVEMENT

\_\_\_ CHECK METAL SLIDES THAT THEY DO NOT BECOME TOO HOT WHEN THE SUN SHINES DOWN ON THEM

\_\_\_ CHECK TIRES FOR POOLING WATER, BEE HIVES

\_\_\_ CHECK FOR ANY CRACKED TOYS THAT MAY POSE A PINCHING HAZARD

\_\_\_ CHECK FOR BROKEN SUPPORTS/ANCHORS

\_\_\_ CHECK FOR LOOSE NUTS, BOLTS, AND CAPS OR PROTRUDING BOLTS WITH SHARP EDGES AND NO CAPS

\_\_\_ CHECK FOR LACK OF LUBRICATION ON MOVING PARTS.

\_\_\_ CHECK FOR SPLINTERING WOOD ON PLAY EQUIPMENT, PICNIC TABLES, AND WOODEN FENCES

\_\_\_ CHECK FOR POOR DRAINAGE AREAS

\_\_\_ CHECK FOR PROTRUDING NAILS ON PLAY EQUIPMENT OR FENCES

\_\_\_ CHECK FOR CHIPPING OR PEELING PAINT ON ALL TOYS, EQUIPMENT, AND BUILDINGS

\_\_\_ CHECK FOR RUSTY EQUIPMENT AND TOYS ACCESSIBLE TO CHILDREN

\_\_\_ CHECK FOR SHARP EDGES AND POINTS ON TOYS, FENCES, PLAY EQUIPMENT, ETC

\_\_\_ CHECK THE CHAINS ON SWINGS TO SEE THAT THEY ARE SECURELY ATTACHED

\_\_\_ MONITOR FENCE FOR THORNY PLANTS OR BUSHES THAT MAY BE ACCESSIBLE TO CHILDREN'S REACH

\_\_\_ CHECK FOR VANDALISM

\_\_\_ ENSURE THAT ALL GATES ON FENCES LATCH

\_\_\_ CHECK TO SEE THAT ALL SELF LATCHING DEVICES ON GATES ARE FUNCTIONING PROPERLY

\_\_\_ MONITOR SAND AND PLAY AREA FOR ANIMAL FECES, POISONOUS PLANTS, MUSHROOMS

\_\_\_ CHECK TO SEE THAT THERE ARE NO CONTAINERS OF STANDING WATER, WHICH COULD POSE A DROWNING HAZARD

\_\_\_ CHECK THE ENERGY ABSORPTIVE MATERIAL UNDER AND AROUND THE PLAY EQUIPMENT, RAKE IF NECESSARY

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SIGNATURE AND POSITION OF STAFF MEMBER COMPLETING SELF INSPECTION

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DATE OF SELF INSPECTION