

Christ the Teacher Catholic Schools

Quarterly Playground Safety Checklist

School: _____

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August

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November

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March

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June

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Other Date / Interim

1. Surfacing

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Equipment has adequate protective surfacing (e.g. pea gravel or sand) under it (12").

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Protective surfacing extends at least 6 feet in all directions from play equipment. For swings, be sure surfacing extends, in back and front, twice the height of the suspending bar.

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Surfacing materials have not deteriorated.

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Loose-fill surfacing materials have no foreign objects or debris.

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Loose-fill surfacing materials are not compacted and do not have reduced depth in heavy use areas such as under swings or at slide exits.

2. General Hazards

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There are no sharp points, corners or edges on the equipment.

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There are no missing or damaged protective caps or plugs.

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There are no hazardous protrusions and projections.

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Loose-fill surfacing materials are not compacted and do not have reduced depth in heavy use areas such as under swings or at slide exits.

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There are no potential clothing entanglement hazards, such as S-hooks or protruding bolts or ropes.

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Make sure spaces that could trap children, such as openings in guardrails or between ladder rungs, measure less than 3.5 inches or more than 9 inches.

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There are no pinch, crush, and shearing points or exposed moving parts.

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There are no trip hazards, such as exposed footings or anchoring devices and rocks, tree roots or stumps, or any other environmental obstacles in the play area.

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The entire playground is free of miscellaneous debris or litter such as tree branches, soda cans, bottles, glass, animal waste, free of stinging insect nests, etc.

3. Deterioration of the Equipment

- ☐ The equipment has no rust, cracks or splinters, especially where it comes in contact with the ground.
- ☐ There are no broken or missing components on the equipment (e.g., handrails, guardrails, protective barriers, steps or rungs on ladders, worn bearings) and there are no damaged fences, benches, or signs on the playground.
- ☐ All equipment is securely anchored.

4. Security of Hardware

- ☐ There are no loose fastening devices or worn connections, such as chains, “S” hooks, bolts, nuts, rings, links, ropes, etc.
- ☐ Moving components, such as swing hangers are not worn.

5. Drainage

- ☐ The entire play area has satisfactory drainage, especially in heavy use areas such as under swings and at slide exits.

Comments or Action Taken:

I certify that at the time of the inspection the playground equipment is in satisfactory condition.

Maintenance Person Signature

Date

This playground safety checklist is to be submitted monthly to the school principal and is to be placed in the school administration files.