PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

The following are a few basic suggestions to consider for playground installation and maintenance.

- Installation or supervised by experienced, licensed/insured contractor.
- Holes drilled into bottom of tires for drainage of water.
- Plastic surfaces preferred to wood (fewer injuries & less maintenance).
- Wood naturally rot-resistant (e.g., cedar or redwood) or pressure treated with non-toxic and non-irritating chemicals to prevent wood rot.
- Straight slides with open chutes should have sides with a 4-inch minimum height extending along both sides of the chute for the entire length of sliding surface.
- Slide inclines no greater than 30 degrees from horizontal.
- Slide exit region 7-15 inches above protective surfacing, if slide over 4 feet in height.
- All equipment bases in concrete, with concrete below grade.
- 12+ inches of cushioning material under and around equipment-wood chips, mulch, pea gravel, etc.; plan to replenish this at least annually.
- Placement of swings away from other activities or equipment, at least six feet from swing arch.
- Periodic inspections must be arranged after installation, looking for wood splinters, loose bolts, pinch points, damaged swing components, etc. (Sample playground safety checklist on reverse side.)
- Immediately remove any defective equipment from use.


As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call us at (517) 372-9310 or 1-800-395-5565.
MONTHLY PLAYGROUND SAFETY CHECKLIST

__ No Visible cracks, bending, warping, or rusting of any component.
__ No Deformation of hooks, shackles, rings, links, etc.
__ No Open “S” hooks.
__ No Openings in guardrails more than 3½ inches.
__ No Worn swing hangers and chains.
__ No Missing, damaged, or loose swing seats, or seats with sharp edges.
__ No Broken supports/anchors.
__ No Accessible sharp edges or points.
__ No Exposed ends of tubing that should be covered by plugs or caps.
__ No Protruding bolt ends that do not have smooth finished caps.
__ No Loose bolts, nuts, etc.
__ No Splintered, cracked or otherwise deteriorated wood.
__ No Lack of lubrication of moving parts.
__ No Worn bearings.
__ No Broken or missing rails, steps, seats.
__ No Surface material worn or scattered in landing pits, etc.
__ No Hard surfaces under and 6 feet around swings, slides, etc. (have at least 12 inches of wood chips, mulch, pea gravel, etc.).
__ No Chipped or peeling paint.
__ No Vandalism (broken glass, trash).
__ No Pinch or crush points (exposed mechanisms, junctures of moving components).
__ No Tripping hazard such as roots, rocks or other environmental objects.
__ No Poor drainage areas.

DATE OF INSPECTION: _________________________

INSPECTED BY: ________________________________

LIST ANY ADVERSE CONDITIONS AT TIME OF INSPECTION:
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