Playground Safety Checklist



- [ ] Playground equipment has at least 12 inches of wood chips, mulch, sand, or pea gravel, or are mats made of safety-tested rubber or rubber-like materials.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] Play structures are more than 30 inches high are spaced at least 9 feet apart.
- [ ] No dangerous hardware, like open "S" hooks or protruding bolt ends.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] No sharp points or edges in equipment
- [ ] No tripping hazards, like exposed concrete footings, tree stumps, and rocks.
- [ ] Elevated surfaces, like platforms and ramps, have guardrails to prevent falls.
- [ ] Check playgrounds regularly to see that equipment and surfacing are in good condition.
- [ ] Carefully supervise children on playgrounds to make sure they're safe.

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