

| <h1>Play Areas Checklist</h1> <h2>Climbing-Overhead</h2> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Review Date: _____<br><br>Reviewed By: _____ |                  |                |
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| No.                                                      | Worksite Inspection Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Present                                      | Needs Correction | Date Corrected |
| <b>All Climbing-Overhead Equipment</b>                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              |                  |                |
| 1                                                        | Climbing equipment does not have climbing bars or other rigid parts in the interior.                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                              |                  |                |
| 2                                                        | All rungs on climbing equipment are round and secured to prevent them from turning.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                              |                  |                |
| 3                                                        | Maximum rung diameter for toddlers is 1.20 inches (preferred 0.90); for preschool/school age max diameter is 1.55 inches (preferred 1.25).                                                                                                                                                |                                              |                  |                |
| 4                                                        | Use zone extends a minimum of 6 feet from the perimeter of a stand-alone climber.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                              |                  |                |
| 5                                                        | Use zone of a climber may overlap other equipment if other equipment allows for overlapping use zones and there is at least 6 feet between the two pieces of equipment (9 feet when adjacent play surfaces are more than 30 inches high).                                                 |                                              |                  |                |
| 6                                                        | Appropriate type/amount of ground cover present in use zones.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              |                  |                |
| <b>Arch Climbers</b>                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              |                  |                |
| 1                                                        | Arch climbers used for access to equipment for preschoolers has slope 75 -90 degrees with rungs spaced <12 inches.                                                                                                                                                                        |                                              |                  |                |
| 2                                                        | The rung spacing on arch climbers for school age children should be <16 inches.                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              |                  |                |
| 3                                                        | The vertical rise is 12 inches or less for all arch climbers.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              |                  |                |
| <b>Flexible Climbers</b>                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              |                  |                |
| 1                                                        | Flexible climber is not sole means of access to equipment intended for toddlers and preschool children.                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                              |                  |                |
| 2                                                        | Flexible climbers that provide access to platforms are securely anchored at both ends.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                              |                  |                |
| 3                                                        | All anchors connecting flexible climbers to the ground are installed beneath ground level and protective surfacing.                                                                                                                                                                       |                                              |                  |                |
| 4                                                        | Connections between ropes, cables, chains or tires are securely fixed and regularly inspected/maintained.                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                              |                  |                |
| 5                                                        | Spacing between horizontal and vertical components of a climbing grid do not form entrapment hazards.                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                              |                  |                |
| <b>Horizontal Ladders</b>                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              |                  |                |
| 1                                                        | First handhold on either end is not placed directly above the platform or climbing rung used to mount/dismount.                                                                                                                                                                           |                                              |                  |                |
| 2                                                        | Horizontal distance to first handhold is < 10 inches but not directly above platform or 8-10 inches from climbing rungs.                                                                                                                                                                  |                                              |                  |                |
| 3                                                        | 4-5 year olds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Space between adjacent rungs for 4-5 year olds is 9-12 inches, evenly spaced and parallel.</li> <li>• Maximum platform height for 4-5 year olds is 18 inches</li> <li>• Maximum height of ladder structure is 60 inches</li> </ul> |                                              |                  |                |

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| 4                     | School age <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Space between adjacent rungs for school age is 9-15 inches.</li> <li>• Maximum platform height for school age is 36 inches.</li> <li>• Maximum structure height is 84 inches.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                            |         |                  |                |
| <b>Overhead Rings</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |         |                  |                |
| 1                     | If rings are suspended, the maximum length of chains is 7 inches.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |         |                  |                |
| 2                     | If overhead rings are stationary, then spacing recommendations for horizontal ladders apply.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |         |                  |                |
| 3                     | If overhead rings are suspended and will swing, spacing recommendations for horizontal ladders do not apply.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |         |                  |                |
| 4                     | The remainder of guidelines for horizontal ladders apply to overhead rings.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |         |                  |                |
| <b>Sliding Poles</b>  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |         |                  |                |
| 1                     | Poles do not change directions along the sliding portion.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |         |                  |                |
| 2                     | Horizontal distance from pole to access structure is 18-20 inches.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |         |                  |                |
| 3                     | The pole extends at least 60 inches above access platform/structure.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |         |                  |                |
| 4                     | The diameter of sliding poles is no greater than 1.9 inches.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |         |                  |                |
| 5                     | Upper access to pole is from one level only.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |         |                  |                |
| 6                     | Poles are continuous with no protruding welds or seams along sliding surface.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |         |                  |                |
| <b>Track Rides</b>    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |         |                  |                |
| 1                     | There are no obstacles along the path of the ride, including the take-off and landing areas.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |         |                  |                |
| 2                     | Two track rides next to each other must be at least 4 feet apart.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |         |                  |                |
| 3                     | Ride handles are 64-78 inches above the surface.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |         |                  |                |
| 4                     | Rolling parts are enclosed to prevent crush hazards.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |         |                  |                |
| 5                     | Nothing is ever tied to any moving part of a track ride.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |         |                  |                |
| 6                     | If zip lines are present, they must be professionally installed, inspected and regularly maintained (check local/state regulations).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |         |                  |                |
| No.                   | Policy/Procedure Inspection Item<br>(policies/procedures are in place for each of the following items)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Present | Needs Correction | Date Corrected |
| 1                     | All equipment is regularly inspected. Inspections include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All nuts and bolts are tight.</li> <li>• Wood surfaces are free of cracks and splinters.</li> <li>• No peeling paint, rust or other signs of deterioration are present.</li> <li>• No protrusions or other hazards present on equipment.</li> <li>• Signs are in good condition indicating the ages/rules for equipment.</li> </ul> |         |                  |                |
| 2                     | All issues identified during maintenance inspections are addressed and both the inspections and actions taken are documented.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |         |                  |                |
| 3                     | Supervision policy ensures adequate adult supervision is provided, and supervisors ensure all play equipment is used as intended.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |         |                  |                |

Resources that can be used to address these checklist items are available at [www.safeagritourism.org/Resources](http://www.safeagritourism.org/Resources). These resources include signs, policies, forms, logs, and other items.

Checklist items based on CPSC Public Playground Safety Handbook (<http://www.cpsc.gov//PageFiles/122149/325.pdf>)