

**PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY PLAYGROUND**  
**INSPECTION FORM**

Authority: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>IF DEFICIENT (Location, Problem)</u>	<u>WORK ORDER NUMBER</u>
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<b>GENERAL ENVIRONMENT</b>
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| 1. Outdoor benches and tables are in good condition                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |
| 2. Signs present to notify:  |                          |                          |                          |             |             |
| • Where to get help in case of an emergency                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |
| • Restrictions on the use of playground                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |
| • Name, address, phone of person to report hazards                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |
| 3. Trash receptacles are provided & located away from the play area. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |
| 4. Thorny plants are removed from area.                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |
| 5. Source of clean, drinking water available in the play area.       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |
| 6. The entire play area can be seen easily for good supervision.     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |
| 7. Perimeter is free from barbed wire.                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |

ALL EQUIPMENT

- 1. Are nuts, bolts, screws recessed, covered or sanded smooth and level.    \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 2. Are nuts and bolts tight and not able to be loosened without tools.    \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 3. Metal equipment is free of rust and chipping paint.    \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 4. Wooden equipment is free of splinters and rough surfaces.    \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 5. Equipment is free of sharp edges.    \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 6. All parts of the equipment are present and in good condition.    \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 7. Footings for equipment are stable & buried at least 1 foot under ground    \_\_\_\_\_  
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WOODEN EQUIPMENT

- 1. Dig where base meets ground surface. Does deterioration exist?    \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 2. Has part of wooden structure been burned?    \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 3. Does the structure appear sturdy?    \_\_\_\_\_  
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**GROUND SURFACE**

1. All elevated play equipment (i.e., slides, swings, bridges, seesaws, climbing apparatus, etc.) has 12" of impact absorbing material underneath the structure, such as sand, pea gravel (round 1/8" pellets), wood chips, or manufactured surfaces that pass the 200G Test **(for infant/toddler areas, wood chips and pea gravel are not acceptable).**

          

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2. Surfaces are checked at least weekly & raked to prevent them from becoming packed down and to remove hidden hazards (i.e., litter, sharp objects, animal feces).

          

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**SPACING**

1. Swings have adequate clearance in both directions (10' in front and in back of stationary seat; all this area should be covered with impact-absorbing material).

          

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2. Swings are at least 18" from each other & 28" away from the frame.

          

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SLIDES
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| 1. Slides are no more than 6' high.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |  |
| 2. There is a flat surface at the top of the slide to help position the child for sliding. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |  |
| 3. Are there rails at the top of the slide to prevent falls?                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |  |
| 4. The bottom of the sliding surface is not more than 15" above the ground.                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |  |
| 5. The sliding surface is not facing South.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |  |
| 6. There are no gaps or rough edges or holes in the sliding surface or its sides.          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |  |
| 7. Are all screws and bolts in place?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |  |
| 8. The steps are intact.<br>(No worn or missing rungs).                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |  |
| 9. The equipment is free from all other hazards.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |  |

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<b>CLIMBING EQUIPMENT</b>
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| 1. Handholds stay in place when grasped.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____          | _____ |
| 2. There is an easy, safe way out for children when they reach the top.                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____<br>_____ | _____ |
| 3. Safety barriers are designed to prevent children's easy access to a greater height. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____<br>_____ | _____ |
| 4. Equipment is free from all other hazards.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____          | _____ |

<b>SWINGS</b>
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|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-------|
| 1. Swing seats with back supports and safety bars are available for toddlers. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____          | _____ |
| 2. All swing seats are made of canvas, rubber, or other lightweight material. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____<br>_____ | _____ |
| 3. "S" hooks are not worn.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____          | _____ |
| 4. Seats are belt type as opposed to wooden plank type.                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____<br>_____ | _____ |
| 5. Tree branches are well away from radius of swing height.                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____<br>_____ | _____ |

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6. The swing seat cannot rise more than 6' above the surface.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
7. Tire swings are not made of steel-belted radial tires.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
8. The equipment is free from all other hazards?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

**MERRY-GO-ROUNDS**

1. Are they free from holes or gaps?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
2. Are they rusted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
3. Is the bottom close enough to the ground to prevent feet or other body parts under it?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

**SEESAWS**

1. The seating does not reach more than 5' above the ground.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
2. The fulcrum is enclosed or designed to prevent pinching.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

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3. Handholds stay in place when grasped, without turning or wobbling.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
4. A rubber tire segment is buried in the surface under the seats.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
5. The equipment is free from all other hazards.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
6. If wood, is it deteriorating or splintering?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

**SANDBOXES**

1. Sandboxes are located in a shaded spot.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
2. The sand is checked and raked at least every week for debris and to provide exposure to air and sun.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
3. The sandbox has proper drainage.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
4. Is the sandbox free from any other hazards (i.e., glass, cans etc.)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

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ROCKING EQUIPMENT
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| 1. There are no parts that could cause a pinching or crushing injury. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____                   | _____          |
| 2. Handholds stay in place when grasped.                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____<br>_____<br>_____ | _____<br>_____ |
| 3. Footrests stay in place.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____                   | _____          |
| 4. The equipment is free from any other hazards.                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____                   | _____          |
| 5. The equipment's rocking is stable.                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____                   | _____          |