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## 13.2.13 Playground Inspection

Item to be Inspected	Safe	Unsafe	Action
Are chains bent, worn, or have open links/pinch			
points/rust/rough edges			
Do any s-hooks/fastening devices show signs of			
excessive wear or cracking? Are they all			
securely closed?			
Do any seats show signs of wear, sharp edges or			
points/scorching or burn damage/safety bar?			
Are all clamps secure?			
To ensue stability: Are all structures aligned			
such that they do not easily sway/connections			
are solid/there is no obvious misalignment of			
components such as supports, platforms,			
barriers, etc.?			
Is there any exposed concrete?			
Check for gaps that could entangle clothing,			
drawstrings, etc.? Pay particular attention to			
sitting and sliding sections of slides and			
entrance of sliding poles.			
Are all nuts and bolts in place?			
Are all normally present chain covers in place			
or have they been damaged?			
Are all hand/safety railings, support bars/legs,			
steps and fastening points secure, that no bolts			
or fittings are visibly missing or loose, that			
there are no splinters or cracked, broken			
components?			
Check for protruding bolts or rivit			
heads/missing or visibly loose joints or broken			
welds and any broken or loose components or			
supports. If there are any defects on the slide			
and repairs will take some time, block off the			
entrance to the slide until repairs are completed.			
Are all platforms, stairs and steps free of			
missing or loose bolts, any broken, bent, loose			
or missing components or fasteners?			

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Are all plastic components free of cracks, sharp			
edges, discoloration, scorching or burn damage,			
and ensure that components are properly			
fastened and secure?			
Are all strings/bars secure, are any components			
bent so that the structure tilts in a way that it is			
not supposed to? Are any parts such as the foot			
bars missing or miss-located?			
Are all handles securely fastened, free of broken			
welds, missing or visibly loose bolts, sharp			
points, and bent parts?			
Check for free movement of pivot points. Is			
that pivot point functioning properly or is there			
apparent damage?			
Are there any missing or visibly loose, missing,			
bent, or badly rusted nuts and bolts?			
Ensure that all locking fastening devices are			
secure.			
Are all wood timber and support posts free of			
excess cracking?			
Check for any protrusions from the structure,			
sharp edges must be covered or filed smooth.			
Check that caps and plugs are in place on open-			
ended points. Have broken or missing			
caps/plugs are either replaced? Have sharp			
edges been removed?			
Is there any displaces protective surfacing			
displaces? If exposed concrete is above the			
surrounding ground level then take the piece of			
equipment out of use and report. Ensure that			
the gravel is loose, not compacted and free of			
debris, broken glass, needles, animal defecation,			
etc.			
Are there any splinters, sharp edges, large			
cracks, damage, stability or tightness of			
fasteners?			

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Item to be Inspected	Safe	Unsafe	Action
Check the entire playground for debris and			
litter, broken glass, needles, or syringes, animal			
defecation, and any objects or markings which			
had been left on the playground which are not			
appropriate, e.g. graffiti.			
Is there any visible signs of damage or pooling			
areas at the playground?			
Check that all outside building lights are			
working.			
Is there any visible damage or graffiti? Check sign fastening points/signs for weather damage.			
Inspect for any visible damage/protruding			
points on fence fabric, hardware, and			
attachments, such as skipping ropes.			

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