Outdoor Safety Checklist
For scoring Safety Practices (Item 11) and Active Physical Play (Item 16) on the ITERS-R

Cushioning and Fall Zones

Yes  No  NA
☐  ☐  ☐ The fall zone (the area onto which a child falling from or exiting a piece of play equipment would be expected to land) for the equipment extends 6 feet beyond the edges of the structures.

☐  ☐  ☐ There are rubber tiles or pour-in-place cushioning that meets ASTM 1292 Standard for cushioning in the fall zone under the structures.

☐  ☐  ☐ Fall zones of different pieces of equipment do not overlap.

☐  ☐  ☐ Play equipment pieces are spaced at least 9 feet apart from each other.

☐  ☐  ☐ If there are baby swings, the fall zones extend twice the distance between the swing beam and the bottom of the seat, in the front and the back of the swings.

☐  ☐  ☐ There is no loose fill cushioning to create choking hazards.

Swings

Yes  No  NA
☐  ☐  ☐ If there are baby swings, the fall zones extend twice the distance between the swing beam and the bottom of the seat, in the front and the back of the swings.

☐  ☐  ☐ All S-hooks are closed tightly (a dime can not slide through the gap).

☐  ☐  ☐ Fall zones do not overlap.

Climbers and slides

Yes  No  NA
☐  ☐  ☐ Equipment is warranted by the manufacturer as suitable for the age of the users (0 – 2 years) or is less than 24 inches high. The highest point that a child could fall from is no more than 24 inches above the ground.

☐  ☐  ☐ All equipment is sturdy and children are not able to move it or push it over.

☐  ☐  ☐ All metal edges are rolled.

☐  ☐  ☐ Any exposed bolts do not protrude more than two threads beyond the face of the nut; exposed bolts have no burrs or sharp edges.

☐  ☐  ☐ Guardrails or protective barriers are used to prevent inadvertent or unintentional falls off elevated platforms.

☐  ☐  ☐ There are no openings in any pieces of active play equipment between 3 1/2” and 9 inches that could cause head entrapment.

Yes  No  NA
☐  ☐  ☐ Slides have enclosed platforms at the top for children to get into position to slide.
Slide ladders have flat steps and a handrail on each side.

Slides with metal beds are shaded to prevent overheating.

### Play space

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- Playgrounds are fenced in and are separated from the play areas of older children.
- There are no openings in the fence that are between 3 1/2” and 9 inches that could cause head entrapment.
- Gaps between the fence and the ground, and the fence and walls, are no larger than 3 1/2 inches.
- There aren’t any equipment pieces that could catch clothing.
- There are no toys, or objects (including surfacing material) with a diameter of less than 1 1/4” accessible to children who are still placing objects into their mouths.
- There are no stairs accessible to children.
- There is no peeling paint (lead hazard).
- There are no sharp objects, tools, gardening supplies or toxic materials accessible.

### Trip Hazards

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- All anchoring devices, such as footings and bars at the bottom of climbers, are below the playing surface.
- There are no exposed tree roots that cause children to trip and land on hard surfaces, such as cement.
- Surfaces are relatively even to help new walkers with limited ability to balance.
- There are no drop offs greater than 3 inches onto hard surfaces.

### Pinch, Crush, & Shearing Points

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- All spaces are too big or too small to entrap a child’s finger.
- Exposed ends of tubing have caps that cannot be removed without tools.

### Unsafe Equipment

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- There are no heavy swings or multiple use swings.
- There are no seesaws or trampolines present.
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