

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 | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 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. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There are rubber tiles or pour-in-place cushioning that meets ASTM 1292 Standard for cushioning in the fall zone under the structures. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fall zones of different pieces of equipment do not overlap. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Play equipment pieces are spaced at least 9 feet apart from each other. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 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. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There is no loose fill cushioning to create choking hazards. |

Swings

- | Yes | No | NA | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 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. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | All S-hooks are closed tightly (a dime can not slide through the gap). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Fall zones do not overlap. |

Climbers and slides

- | Yes | No | NA | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 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. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | All equipment is sturdy and children are not able to move it or push it over. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | All metal edges are rolled. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Any exposed bolts do not protrude more than two threads beyond the face of the nut; exposed bolts have no burrs or sharp edges. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Guardrails or protective barriers are used to prevent inadvertent or unintentional falls off elevated platforms. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There are no openings in any pieces of active play equipment between 3 1/2" and 9 inches that could cause head entrapment. |
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- | Yes | No | NA | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 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

- | Yes | No | NA | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Playgrounds are fenced in and are separated from the play areas of older children. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There are no openings in the fence that are between 3 1/2" and 9 inches that could cause head entrapment. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Gaps between the fence and the ground, and the fence and walls, are no larger than 3 1/2 inches. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There aren't any equipment pieces that could catch clothing. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | 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. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There are no stairs accessible to children. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There is no peeling paint (lead hazard). |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There are no sharp objects, tools, gardening supplies or toxic materials accessible. |

Trip Hazards

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

Pinch, Crush, & Shearing Points

- | Yes | No | NA | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | All spaces are too big or too small to entrap a child's finger. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Exposed ends of tubing have caps that cannot be removed without tools. |

Unsafe Equipment

- | Yes | No | NA | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There are no heavy swings or multiple use swings. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There are no seesaws or trampolines present. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | There are no trampolines. |