

PART I: PHYSICAL LAYOUT OF PLAY ENVIRONMENTS

1. Name of Center _____
2. How many separate play areas are located at this center? _____
3. What are the ages of children that use these play areas? Play Area #1 _____ Play Area #2 _____ Play Area #3 _____
 Age _____ Ages _____ Ages _____
For example, 2 year olds: 3-4 year olds: school-age children

Note: If more than one play area is present, use a separate form for each site.

Question	Explanation	Answer	Personal Notes
1. Is public equipment or home equipment present? (You may have to ask the Director for a copy of the order form to determine if the equipment is for public use or home use. Home equipment should not be used in public child care centers).	*Public equipment is different from home playground equipment. *Public equipment meets ASTM 1487. The imprint can usually be found on the bottom or back of slides. *Home equipment is for home use. Examples include plastic equipment from Little Tikes, Rainbow, equipment from Walmart, Lowes, etc.)	_____ Public Use _____ Home Use	
2. Does the arrangement of the play equipment and environment appear to be planned?	The development of an appropriate play area takes careful planning. Having a careful plan in place will help prevent problems.	_____ Yes _____ No _____ Unknown	
3. Is the location of the play area protected by distance (at least six feet from the edge of the use zone) or fencing from cars or other motorized hazards?	A form of barrier, such as fencing, a hedge, or plants (at least 4 feet high) should be provided around the play area to restrain the children (NHSPS, 5.169).	_____ Yes _____ No	
4. If a fence is present, is it constructed to discourage children from climbing on it?	The fencing shall be constructed to discourage climbing (NHSPS, 5.178).	_____ Yes _____ No _____ N/A	
4a. If a fence is present, are the fence openings less than 3.5 inches?	The openings in the fence shall be less than 3.5 inches (NHSPS, 5.178).	_____ Yes _____ No	