

Supervision	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Adults present	100	71	A+	C-
Easily viewed	99	83	A	B-
Crawl spaces	96	61	A	D-
Supervision rules posted	33	9	F	F
Overall Grade: Supervision			B	D+
Age-Appropriate Design	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Had separate areas	45	62	F	D-
Signage for age group provided	2	0	F	F
Provided change of direction	97	91	A	A-
Had guardrails	94	97	A	A
Prevented climbing outside the structure	90	73	A-	C-
Supporting structure prevented climbing on	96	75	A	C
Overall Grade: Age - Appropriate Design			B-	C
Fall Surfacing	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Suitable materials provided	86	87	B	B+
Heights of equipment 8 feet or lower	NA	95	NA	A
Appropriate depth of loose fill	51	65	F	D
Six foot use zone had appropriate surface	79	85	C+	B
Concrete footings were covered	90	91	A-	A-
Free of foreign objects	78	94	C+	A
Overall Grade: Fall Surfacing			C+	B+
Equipment Maintenance	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Free of broken parts	89	78	B+	C+
Free of missing parts	81	89	B-	B+
Free of protruding bolts	77	96	C+	A
Free of noticeable gaps	99	97	A	A
Free of head entrapments	79	87	C+	B+
Free of rust	97	99	A	A
Free of splinter	100	86	A+	B
Free of cracks/holes	100	95	A+	A
Overall Grade: Equipment Maintenance			B+	A-

Playground Equipment Profile*		
Year of installation	2004	
Pre 1980	31%	
1981-1990	10%	
1991-1994	8%	
1995-1997	49%	
1998-present	18%	
Not available	6%	
Kinds of Equipment**	2000	2004
Slides	87%	96%
Swings	83%	79%
Horizontal ladders	54%	45%
Sliding poles	45%	32%
Chinning bars	37%	36%
Seesaws	10%	8%
Merry-go-rounds	13%	0%
Geodesic domes	15%	14%
<p>⁵ * The number in these columns indicates the percentages of the year of installation. These may contain a combination of different installation years at each playground site. NA represents percentages that are not available.</p> <p>** The numbers in these columns reflect percentages of equipment pieces were found.</p> <p>Grading Scale: A=90-100 B=80-89 C=70-79 D=60-69 F=59></p>		



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