

Supervision	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Adults present	91	89	A-	B+
Easily viewed	97	100	A	A+
Crawl spaces	93	99	A-	A
Supervision rules posted	10	2	F	F
Overall Grade: Supervision			B	B
Age-Appropriate Design	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Had separate areas	37	46	F	F
Signage for age group provided	14	11	F	F
Provided change of direction	100	83	A+	B-
Had guardrails	99	91	A	A-
Prevented climbing outside the structure	88	86	B+	B
Supporting structure prevented climbing on	96	88	A	B+
Overall Grade: Age - Appropriate Design			B-	C+
Fall Surfacing	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Suitable materials provided	91	98	A	A
Heights of equipment 8 feet or lower	NA	95	NA	A
Appropriate depth of loose fill	74	6	C	F
Six foot use zone had appropriate surface	90	71	A-	C-
Concrete footings were covered	99	100	A	A+
Free of foreign objects	92	10	A-	F
Overall Grade: Fall Surfacing			B+	C+
Equipment Maintenance	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Free of broken parts	95	91	A	A-
Free of missing parts	91	95	A-	A
Free of protruding bolts	88	41	B+	F
Free of noticeable gaps	88	73	B+	C-
Free of head entrapments	88	84	B+	B
Free of rust	95	90	A	A-
Free of splinter	83	13	B-	F
Free of cracks/holes	80	92	B-	A-
Overall Grade: Equipment Maintenance			B+	B-

Playground Equipment Profile*		
Year of installation	2004	
Pre 1980	6%	
1981-1990	25%	
1991-1994	25%	
1995-1997	26%	
1998-present	23%	
Not available	16%	
Kinds of Equipment**	2000	2004
Slides	87%	88%
Swings	71%	56%
Horizontal ladders	55%	46%
Sliding poles	41%	23%
Chinning bars	30%	15%
Seesaws	22%	7%
Merry-go-rounds	18%	0%
Geodesic domes	18%	16%
<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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