

Playground Equipment Checklist



NAME OF STAFF MEMBER:	POSITION/JOB:
SCHOOL:	DATE:

This checklist has been developed to assist in the identification of risks associated with playground equipment. If hazards have been identified, ensure appropriate control measures are implemented.

QUESTION	YES	NO
Is playground equipment installed as per manufacturer's recommendations or as per Australian Standards?		
Is playground equipment designed to allow visualisation of students, with visual barriers minimised as much as possible?		
Is there different equipment installed for students of different ages?		
Are all playground equipment rails and barriers vertical so they cannot be used as footholds for climbing?		
Are all tyres used as playground equipment checked regularly to ensure they do not collect water and debris?		
Are areas where playground equipment is used separated from areas where running games are played?		
Does the surfacing of playground areas require impact absorbing material (i.e. loose fill or rubberised surface)?		
Is all equipment visibly stable when in use?		
Is metal equipment free of major corrosion?		
Is wooden equipment free of rot, cracks and splinters?		
Is the equipment free of protrusions that could entangle children's clothing?		
Are there raised surfaces without guardrails (i.e. platforms, ramps and bridges)?		
Are there areas of possible entrapment for a child's head, neck, limbs or fingers?		
Are there any sharp edges on play equipment that can potentially cause injury?		
Is any playground equipment located within 2.5 metres of buildings, fences, edges or trees?		
Do metal slides become too hot when the sun shines on them?		
Are the bases of equipment free of tripping hazards such as exposed footings, tree roots, rocks etc.?		
STAFF MEMBER SIGNATURE:		
PRINCIPAL NAME AND SIGNATURE (if applicable):		