

Supervision	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Adults present	81	67	B-	D+
Easily viewed	88	54	B+	F
Crawl spaces	85	12	B	F
Supervision rules posted	9	10	F	F
Overall Grade: Supervision			C	D-
Age-Appropriate Design	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Had separate areas	67	9	D+	F
Signage for age group provided	0	6	F	F
Provided change of direction	93	90	A-	A-
Had guardrails	89	96	B+	A
Prevented climbing outside the structure	63	46	D-	F
Supporting structure prevented climbing on	67	65	D+	D
Overall Grade: Age - Appropriate Design			C	C-
Fall Surfacing	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Suitable materials provided	83	76	B-	C
Heights of equipment 8 feet or lower	NA	95	NA	A
Appropriate depth of loose fill	35	40	F	F
Six foot use zone had appropriate surface	66	63	D	D-
Concrete footings were covered	93	91	A-	A-
Free of foreign objects	64	37	D	F
Overall Grade: Fall Surfacing			C-	C
Equipment Maintenance	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Free of broken parts	88	82	B+	B-
Free of missing parts	83	77	B-	C+
Free of protruding bolts	77	85	C+	B
Free of noticeable gaps	55	60	F	D-
Free of head entrapments	71	95	C-	A
Free of rust	62	50	D-	F
Free of splinter	50	46	F	F
Free of cracks/holes	74	96	C	A
Overall Grade: Equipment Maintenance			C-	C+

Playground Equipment Profile*		
Year of installation	2004	
Pre 1980	19%	
1981-1990	6%	
1991-1994	16%	
1995-1997	13%	
1998-present	48%	
Not available	21%	
Kinds of Equipment**	2000	2004
Slides	95%	98%
Swings	62%	55%
Horizontal ladders	49%	47%
Sliding poles	49%	39%
Chinning bars	33%	24%
Seesaws	2%	0%
Merry-go-rounds	9%	2%
Geodesic domes	9%	11%
<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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