

Supervision	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Adults present	79	91	C+	A-
Easily viewed	95	98	A	A
Crawl spaces	49	88	F	B+
Supervision rules posted	10	5	F	F
Overall Grade: Supervision			C-	B
Age-Appropriate Design	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Had separate areas	47	64	F	D
Signage for age group provided	0	8	F	F
Provided change of direction	95	93	A	A-
Had guardrails	85	100	B	A+
Prevented climbing outside the structure	65	83	D	B-
Supporting structure prevented climbing on	74	78	C	C+
Overall Grade: Age - Appropriate Design			C-	C+
Fall Surfacing	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Suitable materials provided	100	98	A+	A
Heights of equipment 8 feet or lower	NA	90	NA	A-
Appropriate depth of loose fill	56	70	F	C
Six foot use zone had appropriate surface	72	86	C-	B
Concrete footings were covered	77	98	C+	A
Free of foreign objects	67	98	D+	A
Overall Grade: Fall Surfacing			C	B+
Equipment Maintenance	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Free of broken parts	77	80	C+	B-
Free of missing parts	80	84	B-	B
Free of protruding bolts	66	93	D	A-
Free of noticeable gaps	69	77	D+	C
Free of head entrapments	74	86	C	B
Free of rust	69	86	D+	B
Free of splinter	71	69	C-	D+
Free of cracks/holes	92	98	A-	A
Overall Grade: Equipment Maintenance				B

Playground Equipment Profile*		
Year of installation	2004	
Pre 1980	0%	
1981-1990	0%	
1991-1994	12%	
1995-1997	29%	
1998-present	55%	
Not available	7%	
Kinds of Equipment**	2000	2004
Slides	85%	95
Swings	90%	73
Horizontal ladders	28%	57%
Sliding poles	54%	44%
Chinning bars	18%	36%
Seesaws	8%	0%
Merry-go-rounds	10%	2%
Geodesic domes	0%	5%
<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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