

Supervision	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Adults present	91	33	A-	F
Easily viewed	75	94	C	A
Crawl spaces	74	62	C	D-
Supervision rules posted	22	14	F	F
Overall Grade: Supervision			C	D+
Age-Appropriate Design	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Had separate areas	56	56	F	F
Signage for age group provided	0	31	F	F
Provided change of direction	83	100	B-	A+
Had guardrails	86	100	B	A+
Prevented climbing outside the structure	60	94	D-	A
Supporting structure prevented climbing on	66	94	D+	A
Overall Grade: Age - Appropriate Design			D+	B
Fall Surfacing	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Suitable materials provided	88	94	B+	A
Heights of equipment 8 feet or lower	NA	94	NA	A
Appropriate depth of loose fill	53	0	F	F
Six foot use zone had appropriate surface	81	91	B-	A-
Concrete footings were covered	90	94	A-	A
Free of foreign objects	81	83	B-	B-
Overall Grade: Fall Surfacing			C+	B
Equipment Maintenance	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Free of broken parts	75	86	C	B
Free of missing parts	75	97	C	A
Free of protruding bolts	75	89	C	B+
Free of noticeable gaps	69	69	D+	D+
Free of head entrapments	69	94	D+	A
Free of rust	52	76	F	C
Free of splinter	53	100	F	A+
Free of cracks/holes	63	94	D-	A
Overall Grade: Equipment Maintenance			D+	B+

Playground Equipment Profile*		
Year of installation	2004	
Pre 1980	13%	
1981-1990	9%	
1991-1994	13%	
1995-1997	6%	
1998-present	75%	
Not available	9%	
Kinds of Equipment**	2000	2004
Slides	87%	97%
Swings	71%	54%
Horizontal ladders	55%	40%
Sliding poles	41%	46%
Chinning bars	30%	14%
Seesaws	22%	20%
Merry-go-rounds	18%	20%
Geodesic domes	18%	100%
<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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