

Supervision	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Adults present	92	89	A	B+
Easily viewed	94	98	A	A
Crawl spaces	94	68	A	D+
Supervision rules posted	20	14	F	F
Overall Grade: Supervision			B	C+
Age-Appropriate Design	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Had separate areas	34	50	F	F
Signage for age group provided	7	0	F	F
Provided change of direction	90	98	A-	A
Had guardrails	83	89	B-	B+
Prevented climbing outside the structure	84	96	B	A
Supporting structure prevented climbing on	94	81	A	B-
Overall Grade: Age - Appropriate Design			C+	C+
Fall Surfacing	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Suitable materials provided	78	84	C+	B
Heights of equipment 8 feet or lower	NA	96	NA	A
Appropriate depth of loose fill	55	7	F	F
Six foot use zone had appropriate surface	60	80	D-	B-
Concrete footings were covered	73	95	C-	A
Free of foreign objects	65	86	D	B
Overall Grade: Fall Surfacing			D	B
Equipment Maintenance	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Free of broken parts	94	86	A	B
Free of missing parts	77	78	C+	C+
Free of protruding bolts	63	86	D-	B
Free of noticeable gaps	82	53	B-	F
Free of head entrapments	53	92	F	A-
Free of rust	70	77	C-	C+
Free of splinter	88	12	B+	F
Free of cracks/holes	77	98	C+	A
Overall Grade: Equipment Maintenance			C	C+

Playground Equipment Profile*		
Year of installation	2004	
Pre 1980	10%	
1981-1990	9%	
1991-1994	24%	
1995-1997	4%	
1998-present	45%	
Not available	6%	
Kinds of Equipment**	2000	2004
Slides	96%	96%
Swings	69%	69%
Horizontal ladders	47%	55%
Sliding poles	35%	45%
Chinning bars	27%	25%
Seesaws	22%	14%
Merry-go-rounds	2%	6%
Geodesic domes	2%	90%
<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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