

Supervision	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Adults present	89	86	B+	B
Easily viewed	89	64	B+	D
Crawl spaces	61	33	D-	F
Supervision rules posted	0	9	F	F
Overall Grade: Supervision			C	D+
Age-Appropriate Design	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Had separate areas	21	0	F	F
Signage for age group provided	17	0	F	F
Provided change of direction	88	91	B+	A-
Had guardrails	94	90	A	A-
Prevented climbing outside the structure	56	30	F	F
Supporting structure prevented climbing on	67	40	D+	F
Overall Grade: Age - Appropriate Design			C-	D+
Fall Surfacing	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Suitable materials provided	72	100	C-	A+
Heights of equipment 8 feet or lower	NA	100	NA	A+
Appropriate depth of loose fill	24	40	F	F
Six foot use zone had appropriate surface	61	82	D-	B-
Concrete footings were covered	67	82	D+	B-
Free of foreign objects	53	27	F	F
Overall Grade: Fall Surfacing			D-	C+
Equipment Maintenance	2000 %	2004 %	2000 Grade	2004 Grade
Free of broken parts	79	64	C+	D
Free of missing parts	79	91	C+	A-
Free of protruding bolts	56	64	F	D
Free of noticeable gaps	67	46	D+	F
Free of head entrapments	83	91	B-	A-
Free of rust	59	60	F	D-
Free of splinter	60	40	D-	F
Free of cracks/holes	73	89	C-	B+
Overall Grade: Equipment Maintenance			D-	C-

Playground Equipment Profile*		
Year of installation	2004	
Pre 1980	27%	
1981-1990	0%	
1991-1994	22%	
1995-1997	11%	
1998-present	45%	
Not available	18%	
Kinds of Equipment**	2000	2004
Slides	88%	90%
Swings	65%	80%
Horizontal ladders	44%	50%
Sliding poles	33%	40%
Chinning bars	22%	40%
Seesaws	18%	9%
Merry-go-rounds	13%	20%
Geodesic domes	11%	10%
* 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.		
** The numbers in these columns reflect percentages of equipment pieces were found.		
Grading Scale: A=90-100 B=80-89 C=70-79 D=60-69 F=59>		

Washington's Park Grade:

2000
D+

2004
C-



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