

Playground Inspection Procedure

Regulations		
EHS/HS: 1302.47	ECEAP: ENV-6	WAC: 110-300-0145

Purpose

Support a system of ongoing oversight for outdoor environments to reduce the risk of accident and injury.

Guidance

Regularly scheduled outdoor inspections and monitoring from direct services staff, site supervisors, Health Consultant and staff trained CPSI (Certified Playground Safety Inspector) occur throughout the program year.

Procedure

- Teachers inspect and monitor the designated outdoor areas daily prior to children arriving. They ensure the area is in good repair, includes safe conditions and supports active supervision. Staff document these daily results in Child Plus and reach out to their site supervisor immediately if there is any follow up needed. Supervisors monitor these checklists and completion of non-compliance standards.
- Site Supervisors inspect and monitor outdoor areas at least monthly. They observe active supervision practices. Site Supervisors monitor to ensure the space is in good repair including fall zones. Site Supervisors attend the CPSI training at least every three years. Staff document these daily results in Child Plus and reach out to Family/Health Manager immediately if there is any follow up needed. Family/Health Manager monitors these checklists and completion of non-compliance standards.
- Health Consultant observes each classroom at least twice a year. Observation includes environmental safety (sharp/broken objects) and active supervision. Observations are provided to Site Supervisor and Family/Health Manager to support follow up.
- Staff who have attended the CPSI training conduct annual playground inspections using the CPSI field guide for each playground. This inspection includes surfacing, equipment durability and general hazards. Priority is given for corrective action. Family/Health Manager and Director work in partnership with school districts and partners to ensure completion of follow up is completed.

Resources:

- Caring for our Children 4th Edition
- Performance Standards and WAC
- Certified Playground Safety Inspector Certification Field Guide