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Playground Inspections (Spring)



Learning Objective: To discuss the recommended inspection practices for Playgrounds after winter conditions

The requirements/ recommended practices for inspections of playgrounds follows CSA Z614 Childrens Playspaces and Equipment Standards. The CSA further references recommended inspection and maintenance procedures for playgrounds. This document will discuss the recommended practices for playground inspections before opening in the spring.

An approved Playground should be inspected and maintained according to the following factors:

Design & Operation

1. All Playgrounds should be installed according to the most current CSA standard
2. Standard impact protection, sand, pea gravel, wood chips, rubber, etc. should be maintained at all times
3. Damaged equipment should be repaired or removed immediately to help prevent injury
4. School Playgrounds are utilised by students during the school day under supervisions and by children after school who are unsupervised. It is important to note that all school playgrounds after hours become public playgrounds and should be maintained as such

Inspection and Testing

1. Is all playground equipment in good condition with no damage, checks, kinked or missing pieces?
2. Are all impact protection materials being maintained to appropriate depths to help minimize exposure to injury
3. Is there a need to add more impact protective materials due to degradation over the winter
4. Is playground signage still provided for the playground?
5. Have any changes occurred to the playground that may require immediate repairs or replacements?

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