

Certified Playground Safety Inspector/Inspection Checklist

WHERE TO FIND AN INSPECTOR

- / A list of Certified Playground Safety Inspectors in your area can be obtained at the following web site: www.cprs.org.
- / Call your Child Care Resource and Referral Agency who may have some referrals.
- / Ask colleagues who have had inspections done.

BEFORE HIRING AN INSPECTOR

- / Seek out an inspector that has been trained and certified by the National Playground Safety Institute.
- / Ask about his/her Child Development Experience.
- / Ask for and check references.
- / Request a copy of inspection protocol/procedures, and sample inspection reports.
- / Investigate appropriate language you would use in a contract with an inspector.¹
- / Verify the inspector has professional liability and errors and omission insurance.
- / Be sure the inspector will check in with the director and/or site supervisor of the center prior to commencing the inspection and immediately following the inspection.
- / While inspection prices vary, a quality inspection can be reflective of the price.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM AN INSPECTION REPORT

Within thirty days of your inspection you should receive a written report. The inspection report should provide a general description of each playground structure inspected and should identify the following:

- ✓ Hazard(s) that correspond to each playground structure;
- ✓ Relevant section of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) section(s) relative to each hazard;
- ✓ The severity of each hazard identified and;
- ✓ Reasonable recommendations for addressing each hazard.

¹ Contact the Child Care Law Center at 415/495-5498 for information and referral on contract language.