



Bureau of Child Development, Child Care Licensing  
**Child Care Center Outdoor Inspection Checklist E**

Facility ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Center Name: _____		Inspection Date: ____/____/____	
Address: _____		Start Time: _____ AM PM End Time: _____ AM PM	
Capacity: _____ < Age 2: _____ # of Playgrounds: _____		Licensing Specialist (s): _____	
Director: _____		_____	
License Expiration Date: ____/____/____		_____	
Notes:	<b>Check on BMI before inspection</b>		
	<input type="checkbox"/>	ASTM documentation in DAS.	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Variances that could affect the playground inspection.	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Check DAS for Plot Plan.	
<b>Owner/Director Introductory Items</b>			
_____	Introduce any unknown CCL staff to the Owner/Director	_____	Ask the Owner/Director if there have been any changes to the layout of the playground?
_____	Give the Owner/Director a brief explanation of the inspection process.	_____	Ask the Owner/Director what type of cushioning they have?
_____	Ask the Owner/Director if s/he wants you to tell them about noncompliance areas as you conduct the walk-through or wait until the inspection is over to review non-compliance areas.	_____	Ask the Owner/Director if there have been any changes in the cushioning since the last inspection. If so, tell the Owner/Director that documentation for the new cushioning will be required when the playground is inspected.

GENERAL OUTDOOR INSPECTION ITEMS	O = Noncompliance						Rule #
	Name:	Name:	Name:	Name:	Name:	Name:	
	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	
<b>E 1.</b> (Observe.) If there are children on the playground being actively supervised to minimize the risk of injury to children? (N/A if no children on the playground)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-11(2)
<b>E 2.</b> (Observe, <b>ask</b> about mixed age groups.) Are there enough caregivers to meet required caregiver to child ratios? If it is a mixed age group, what are the ages of the children in the group?(N/A if no children on the playground)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-11(4) 100-11(6)

<b>E 3.</b>	(Observe.) Are group size requirements met except for centers built prior to 1/1/04 and licensed as a child care center continuously since then? (N/A if no children on the playground)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-11(4) 100-11(6)
<b>E 4.</b>	(Observe.) Are children under the age of two ever mixed with older children on the playground when there are more than 8 children present in the group? (N/A if center does not enroll infants or toddlers).	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-24(2)
<b>E 5.</b>	(Observe, <b>ask</b> if failing paint is observed.) Peeling, flaking, chalking, or failing paint? If yes: was the building built before 1978? If yes: is there documentation of testing and correction?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-4(1)
<b>E 6.</b>	(Observe.) Is the outdoor play area free of dangerous insects, rodents, and other vermin? (For example, a wasp's nest.)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-5(3)
<b>E 7.</b>	(Observe.) Are glass surfaces within 36" of the ground in outdoor areas accessible to children made of safety glass or have a protective guard?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-4(10)
<b>E 8.</b>	(Observe.) When in use, is the outdoor play area free animal excrement, harmful plants, objects, or substances, and standing water?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-6(7)
<b>E 9.</b>	(Observe. <b>Ask</b> if not observed.) Are entrances, exits, steps and outside walkways maintained in a safe condition, and free of ice, snow, and other hazards? How are entrances, exits, steps and outside walkways maintained in a safe condition, and free of ice, snow, and other hazards?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-5(5)
<b>E 10.</b>	( <b>Ask</b> if not observed.) Does the outdoor play area have a shaded area to protect children from excessive sun and heat?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-6(8)
<b>E 11.</b>	( <b>Ask</b> if not observed.) Do children in the outdoor play area have an outdoor source of drinking water whenever the outside temperature is 75 degrees or higher?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-6(9)
<b>E 12.</b>	(Observe.) Are there any trampolines in the outdoor play area?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-12(11)
<b>E 13.</b>	(Observe.) Firearms, ammunition, and other weapons?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-12(4)a)
<b>E 14.</b>	(Observe.) Tobacco, alcohol, illegal substances, and sexually explicit material?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-12(4)b)
<b>E 15.</b>	(Observe.) When in use, portable space heaters, fireplaces, and wood burning stoves?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-12(4)(c)
<b>E 16.</b>	(Observe.) Toxic or hazardous chemicals? (Cleaners, insecticides, lawn products, flammable substances)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-12(4)(d)
<b>E 17.</b>	(Observe.) Poisonous plants?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-12(4)(e)
<b>E 18.</b>	(Observe.) Matches or cigarette lighters?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-12(4)(f)
<b>E 19.</b>	(Observe.) Open flames?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-12(4)(g)
<b>E 20.</b>	(Observe.) Sharp objects, edges, corners, or points which could cut or puncture skin?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-12(4)(h)
<b>Notes:</b>								

<b>E 21.</b>	(Observe.) For age 4 and under, ropes/cords long enough to encircle a child's neck? (N/A if no children age 4 and under.)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-12(4)(i)
<b>E 22.</b>	(Observe.) For age 4 and under, plastic bags large enough to fit child's head inside, latex gloves, balloons? (N/A if no children age 4 and under.)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-12(4)(j)
<b>E 23.</b>	(Observe.) For under age 2 and under, choking hazards (objects less than 1-1/4" X 2-1/4")? (N/A if no children age 2 and under).	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-12(4)(k)
<b>E 24.</b>	(Observe.) Toxic and hazardous chemicals stored in a container that is labeled with its contents?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-12(5)
<b>E 25.</b>	(Observe.) For age 4 and under, accessible outlets and surge protectors covered? (N/A if no children age 4 and under.)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-12(6)
<b>E 26.</b>	(Observe.) Standing water?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-6 (7)
<b>E 27.</b>	(Observe.) Is the outdoor play area enclosed within a 4' fence or wall, or a solid natural barrier at least 4' high?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-6(4)
<b>E 28.</b>	(Observe.) Are there any gaps in the fence or barrier, or between the fence and the ground, greater than 5" by 5"?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-6(5)
<b>E 29.</b>	(Observe.) Are there any openings greater than 3-1/2" x 6-1/4" but less than 9" diameter anywhere in the outdoor play area, on the equipment or within 6 inches of the perimeter of the use zone? (Infants/toddlers: > 23 1/4" above the ground; preschoolers: > 25 1/4"; school age: > 33" above the ground)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-6(6) 100-6(10)(m)
<b>E 30.</b>	(Observe.) Are there tripping hazards, such as concrete footings, tree stumps, tree roots, or rocks within the use zone of any piece of stationary play equipment?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-6(10)(p)
<b>E 31.</b>	(Observe.) Is the outdoor play area and equipment maintained to protect children's safety? For example; no missing, broken, or worn out components on equipment; all hardware on equipment secure; no metal rusted badly enough to cause equipment failure; no splintery wood; equipment is stable; cushioning is free of animal excrement.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-6(11)
<b>E 32.</b>	(Observe.) Are there any strangulation hazards on the stationary play equipment or adjacent to the use zone of any piece of stationary play equipment?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-6(10)(n)
<b>E 33.</b>	(Observe.) Are there any crush, shearing, or sharp edge hazards on the stationary play equipment or adjacent to the use zone of any piece of stationary play equipment?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-6(10)(o)
<b>E 34.</b>	(Observe.) Does the stationary play equipment have required protective barriers for infant and toddlers, preschoolers or school age children? (Infants and Toddlers - >18" Platform = 24" Barrier, Preschool - >30" Platform = 29" Barrier, School Age - >48" Platform = 38" Barrier)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-6(10)(j) 100-6(10)(k) 100-6(10)(l)
<b>Notes:</b>								

<b>INFANT AND TODDLER OUTDOOR PLAY EQUIPMENT</b> (All items N/A if it is an Out of School Time Program or if there is not any infant/toddler equipment.)							
<b>E 35.</b>	(Observe.) Is there any designated play surface on infant or toddler equipment more than 3' high?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-6(10)(a)(i)
<b>E 36.</b>	(Observe.) If the height of a designated play surface or climbing bar on a piece of equipment, excluding swings, used by infants and toddlers is greater than 18", do the use zones extend a minimum of 3' in all directions from the perimeter of each piece of equipment?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-6(10)(a)(ii)
<b>Swings for Infants and Toddlers</b>							
<b>E 37.</b>	(Observe.) Do infant and toddler swings have enclosed seats?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-6(10)(a)(viii)
<b>E 38.</b>	(Observe.) The use zone in the front and rear of all swings shall extend a minimum distance of twice the height from the swing seat to the pivot point of the swing, and shall not overlap the use zone of any other piece of equipment.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-6(10)(a)(iii)
<b>E 39.</b>	(Observe.) The use zone for the sides of a single-axis swing shall extend a minimum of 3 feet from the perimeter of the structure, and may overlap the use zone of a separate adjacent piece of equipment.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-6(10)(a)(iv)
<b>E 40.</b>	(Observe.) The use zone of a multi-axis swing shall extend a minimum distance of 3 feet plus the length of the suspending members, and shall never overlap the use zone of another piece of equipment.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-6(10)(a)(v)
<b>E 41.</b>	(Observe.) The use zone for merry-go-rounds shall never overlap the use zone of another piece of equipment.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-6(10)(a)(vi)
<b>E 42.</b>	(Observe.) The use zone for spring rockers shall extend a minimum of 3 feet from the at-rest perimeter of the equipment.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-6(10)(a)(vii)
<b>PRESCHOOL AND SCHOOL AGE OUTDOOR PLAY EQUIPMENT</b>							
<b>E 43.</b>	(Observe.) If the height of a designated play surface or climbing bar on a piece of equipment, excluding swings, used by preschoolers or school age children is greater than 20", do the use zones extend a minimum of 6' in all directions from the perimeter of each piece of equipment?	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-6(10)(b)(i)
<b>E 44.</b>	(Observe.) The use zone for spring rockers shall extend a minimum of 6 feet from the at-rest perimeter of the equipment.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-6(10)(b)(vi)
<b>Notes:</b>							

Swings for Preschool and School Age Children							
E 45.	(Observe.) The use zone in the front and rear of a single-axis swing shall extend a minimum distance of twice the height of the pivot point of the swing, and may not overlap the use zone of any other piece of equipment.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-6(10)(b)(ii)
E 46.	(Observe.) The use zone for the sides of a single-axis swing shall extend a minimum of 6 feet from the perimeter of the structure, and may overlap the use zone of a separate piece of equipment.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-6(10)(b)(iii)
E 47.	(Observe.) The use zone of a multi-axis swing shall extend a minimum distance of 6 feet plus the length of the suspending members, and shall never overlap the use zone of another piece of equipment.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-6(10)(b)(iv)
E 48.	(Observe.) The use zone for merry-go-rounds shall never overlap the use zone of another piece of equipment.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	100-6(10)(b)(v)
PROTECTIVE CUSHIONING FOR ALL PLAY GROUNDS							
E 49.	(Observe.) Is there protective cushioning in all existing use zones?						100-6(10)(d)
E 50.	(Observe.) Does protective cushioning in existing use zones around stationary play equipment meet depth requirements and/or need to be redistributed?						100-6(10)(e) 100-6(10)(f)
E 51.	(Observe.) Is sand, gravel, and shredded tire cushioning loosened (not compacted) to required depths?						100-6(10)(e)
E 52.	(Observe.) Does wood product cushioning have adequate drainage?						100-6(10)(g)(ii)
E 53.	If there have been changes in cushioning since last inspection, is there ASTM documentation for wood product cushioning? Get a copy if there is not one in BMI.						100-6(10)(g)(i)
E 54.	(Observe.) Is poured rubber or rubber mat cushioning securely installed?						100-6(10)(h)(ii)
E 55.	(Observe.) Is there ASTM documentation for poured rubber or rubber mat cushioning? Get a copy if there is not one in BMI.						100-6(10)(h)(i)
E 56.	(Observe.) Is stationary play equipment with a designated play surface 18" or less (infant/toddler), 20" or less (preschool), or 30" or less (school age) placed on grass or another soft surface? (Not on concrete, asphalt, or dirt.)						100-6(10)(i)
<b>Notes:</b>							

<b>SWIMMING POOLS</b> (N/A for this section if there are no swimming pools at center.)	<b>O = Noncompliance</b>	
	<b>Rule #</b>	
If wading pools are used:		
<b>E 57.</b> (Observe and <b>ask.</b> ) Is the wading pool emptied and sanitized after each use by a separate group of children?	100-12(13)(c)	
<b>E 58.</b> (Observe and <b>ask.</b> ) Is there always a caregiver at the wading pool supervising children whenever there is water in the pool?	100-12(13)(a)	
<b>E 59.</b> (Observe and <b>ask.</b> ) Do diapered children always wear swim diapers or rubber pants while in the wading pool? (N/A if no diapered children in care).	100-12(13)(b)	
If there is a swimming pool on the premises that is not emptied after each use:		
<b>E 60.</b> (Observe and <b>ask.</b> ) Is the pool enclosed with a fence or other solid barrier at least 6' high, kept locked whenever pool is not in use?	100-12(12)(a)	
<b>E 61.</b> (Observe.) Does the pool appear to be maintained in a safe manner?	100-12(12)(b)	
<b>E 62.</b> (Observe and <b>ask.</b> ) If the pool is over 4 feet deep and is in use, is there a Red Cross or equivalent certified lifeguard on duty any time children have access to the pool?	100-12(12)(d)	
<b>Notes:</b>		

## PLAYGROUND WORKSHEET

Cushioning Information									Barriers Information
DPS/Bar/Pivot	F. Sand	C. Sand	F. Gravel	M. Gravel	DPS/Bar/Pivot	EWF	W. Chips	Mulch	<b>Infants and Toddlers</b> > 18" Platform = 24" Barrier
5' or less	6"	6"	6"	6"	6' or less	6"	6"	6"	
5' to 6'	12"	12"	6"	12"	6' to 7'	9"	6"	9"	<b>Preschool</b> > 30" Platform = 29" Barrier
6' to 7'	12"	N/A	9"	N/A	7' to 10'	12"	9"	9"	
7' to 9'	12"	N/A	12"	N/A	10' to 11'	12"	12"	12"	<b>School Age</b> > 48 " Platform = 38" Barrier
9' to 10'	N/A	N/A	12"	N/A	11' to 12'	12"	N/A	N/A	

Complete for all playgrounds with elevated play equipment that requires protective cushioning.				
Playground				
Highest Designated Surface				
Type of Equipment				
Equipment Location				
Type of Cushioning				
Required Depth				
Hole #1				
Hole #2				
Hole #3				
Hole # 4 (if needed)				
Hole #5 (if needed)				
Hole #6 (if needed)				
Hole #7 (if needed)				
Average Depth				