



Bureau of Child Development, Child Care Licensing
**Home Annual Outdoor Play Area and Equipment
 Inspection Checklist E**

Facility ID #: _____

Licensed RC Phone #: _____

Provider Name: _____		Inspection Date: ____/____/____	
Address: _____		Start Time: ____ <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM End Time: ____ <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM	
Licensing Specialist (s): _____		License Expiration Date: ____/____/____	
Notes: 		Check before inspection	
		<input type="checkbox"/> ASTM documentation in DAS.	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Variances that could affect the playground inspection.	
		Last Playground Inspection Date: ____/____/____	
Owner/Director Introductory Items			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Introduce any unknown CCL staff to the provider	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ask the provider if s/he wants you to tell her/him about noncompliance areas as you conduct the outdoor inspection or wait until the inspection is over to review non-compliance areas.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Give the provider a brief explanation of the inspection process.		

OUTDOOR AREA AND PLAYGROUND INSPECTION ITEMS		
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What is your outdoor play area? (N/A if RC provider does not have an outdoor play area)		
E1. (Observe.) If required by rule, is there a 4' fence, wall, or solid natural barrier at least 4' high? A fence is required if there are any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • livestock on the property, or within 50 yards of the licensee or certificate holder's property line • a water hazard (swimming pool, pond, ditch, lake, reservoir, river, stream, creek, watering trough, etc.) on the property, or within 100 yards of the licensee or certificate holder's property line • dangerous machinery (such as farm equipment) on the property, or within 50 yards of the licensee or certificate holder's property line • a drop-off of more than 5 feet on the property, or within 50 yards of the licensee or certificate holder's property line • barbed wire within 30 feet of the children's play area • the facility is located on a street with more than two lanes of traffic, or within half a mile of a street with more than two lanes of traffic. • the facility is located on a street with a speed limit higher than 25 miles/hour, or within half a mile from a street with a speed limit higher than 25 miles/hour. 	90/50-6(3) 90/50-6(4)	
E2. ♦(Ask if not observed.) Does the outdoor play area have a shaded area to protect children from excessive sun and heat?	90/50-6(8)	
E3. ♦(Observe, ask if failing paint is observed.) Is there peeling, flaking, chalking, or failing paint outdoors? If yes, was the playground structure built before 1978? If yes, is there documentation of testing for lead paint, and correction if needed?	90/50-4(1)	
E4. (Observe.) Are there any gaps in the fence or barrier, or between the fence and the ground, greater than 5" by 5"?	90/50-6(7)	

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E5. (Observe.) Is the outdoor play area free of unstable heavy equipment a child could pull down on himself or herself?	90/50-12(3)	
(Observe all.) Are the following items accessible to children?		
E6. Tobacco, open containers of alcohol, illegal substances, and sexually explicit material?	90/50-12(4)(b)	
E7. Toxic or hazardous chemicals? (Insecticides; insect repellent; pesticides; weed killer; antifreeze and windshield wiper fluid; gasoline; kerosene; paint thinner; linseed oil; turpentine; motor oil; bleach; household cleaners; nail polish remover; silver jewelry cleaner, gun powder; WD-40; super glue; liquid correction fluids, such as White Out; aqua MSDS (for fish tanks), rubber cement; spray paint; gun solvent; water sealant; fertilizer with weed killer, iodine, model glue; corroded batteries; and rubbing alcohol.)	90/50-12(4)(d)	
E8. Poisonous plants? <u>Poisonous plants include:</u> Poison ivy or oak, stinging nettle, oleander, castor beans, jimson weed, mushrooms, and toadstools.	90/50-12(4)(e)	
E9. Matches or cigarette lighters?	90/50-12(4)(f)	
E10. Open flames?	90/50-12(4)(g)	
E11. Sharp objects, which could cut or puncture skin? (Sharp knives; box cutters; adult scissors; razors; sharp ends of nails or screws protruding from an object; broken glass; broken toys with sharp edges; tools such as saws and axes; cactus; and running fans if children's fingers could fit through the guard. Also, tacks or pins on the floor and corn cob holders.)	90/50-12(4)(h)	
E12. For age 4 and under, loose plastic bags large enough for a child's head to fit inside, latex gloves, and balloons?	90/50-12(4)(j)	
E13. (Observe.) Is the outdoor play area free of dangerous insects (for example: beehives, wasps, yellow jacket or hornet nests, and red ant hills), rodents, and other vermin?	90/50-5(2)	
E14. ♦(Ask if not observed.) Do children playing outside have drinking water outside whenever the outside temperature is 75 degrees or higher?	90/50-6(9)	
E15. ♦(Observe, and ask about what happens in bad weather.) Are entrances, exits and steps maintained in a safe condition, and free of ice, snow, and other hazards?	90/50-5(4)	
E16. (Observe.) Is the outdoor play area and equipment free of harmful plants, objects, or substances, and standing water? <u>Harmful objects include:</u> → Raised decks or balconies 5' or higher, or open basement stairwells, without a 36" protective barrier that has no gaps > 5 inches. → Unanchored heavy equipment a child could climb on and/or pull over on themselves, including an unanchored swing set. → Rotting garbage not in a container with a lid. → Asbestos or accessible fiberglass insulation. → Empty refrigerators or freezers a child could accidentally get shut inside of. → Welding torches. → Motor vehicles up on blocks, and car batteries. → Fence post stirrups. <u>Standing water</u> does not include temporary puddles due to rainfall or sprinklers.	90/50-6(5) 90/50-6(13) → Exposed live electrical wire. → Dead animals. → Filled milk or slop buckets. → Unattended running vehicles or farm equipment. → Standing ladders. → Unstably stacked wood piles or bales of hay or straw. → Rebar / metal rods less than 48" sticking up from the ground or a wall. → Any rope, cord, wire or chain that is hanging from a piece of playground equipment.	

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Outdoor Play Equipment – N/A if there is no outdoor stationary play equipment accessible to children in care.		
E17. (Observe.) Is outdoor stationary play equipment used by any child in care located over a hard surface such as cement, asphalt, or packed dirt?	90/50-6(10)	
E18. LICENSED ONLY. (Observe.) Does outdoor stationary play equipment used by any child in care have a 3 foot use zone that is not a hard surface such as cement, asphalt, frozen wood chips, or packed dirt? (Existing Licensees as of 1 September 2008 have until 1 September 2013 to meet the 3 foot use zone requirement.)	90-6(10)	
E19. (Observe.) If any child in care is using the outdoor play equipment, is the outdoor play equipment being used safely and in the manner intended by the manufacturer? Unsafe use includes activities such as: walking or climbing up a slide, going down a slide head first, walking across the top of a swing set, climbing up the outside of covered slides, playing on the roof of a composite structure, and swinging while standing.	90/50-6(11)	
(Observe all.) LICENSED ONLY. Do any of the following hazards exist on, <u>within the use zone of</u> , or adjacent to the use zone of any piece of stationary play equipment? RESIDENTIAL CERTIFICATE. Do any of the following hazards exist on any piece of stationary play equipment? E20. Entrapment hazards anywhere a child's feet cannot touch the ground? (Infants/toddler > 23 1/4", preschoolers > 25 1/4", school age > 33"	90/50-6(12)	
E21. Strangulation hazards? This includes hanging ropes, cords, twine, wires, or chains longer than 12" that can make a loop 5" in diameter, except if they have swings attached at the bottom of them. This does not include strangulation hazards (except ropes, cords, or chains) on the bottom surface of platforms over 48" high.	90/50-6(13)	
E22. Crush, shearing, or sharp edge hazards?	90/50-6(14)	
E23. LICENSED ONLY. Tripping hazards?	90-6(15)	
E24. (Observe.) Is the outdoor play equipment maintained to protect children's safety? For example: no equipment in danger of failing due to missing, broken, or worn out components, insecure or missing hardware, or rusted metal; no splintery wood; equipment is stable; cushioning is free of animal excrement.	90-6(16) 50-6(15)	
Trampolines – N/A if there is not a trampoline accessible to the children in care.		
E25. ♦(Ask.) Do children in care ever play on a trampoline? If so, which children are allowed to play on the trampoline?	90/50-12(12)(h)	
If there is a trampoline accessible to children, are the following conditions met:	90/50-12(12)(a)	
E26. ♦(Observe and ask.) Is a provider always at the trampoline supervising its use whenever any child in care is on the trampoline?		
E27. ♦(Observe and ask.) Does only one person at a time use the trampoline?	90/50-12(12)(b)	
E28. ♦(Observe and ask.) Are children in care allowed to do flips or somersaults on the trampoline?	90/50-12(12)(c)	
E29. (Observe.) Does the trampoline have shock absorbing pads that completely cover its springs, hooks, and frame?	90/50-12(12)(d)	
E30. (Observe.) Is the trampoline placed at least 6 feet (3 feet if there is a properly installed net) away from any structure, including playground equipment, trees, and fences?	90/50-12(12)(e)	

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E31. (Observe.) Are there any ladders near the trampoline that children could use to access the trampoline?	90/50-12(12)(f)	
E32. ♦(Observe and ask.) Are children allowed to play under the trampoline when it is in use?	90/50-12(12)(g)	
E33. ♦(Observe and ask.) Is the trampoline placed over grass or 6 inches of protective cushioning, in a 6 foot use zone or a 3 foot use zone if there is a net properly installed? If less than 6 inches of protective cushioning, is the cushioning ASTM F1292?	90/50-12(12)(i)	
Wading & Swimming Pools – N/A if there are no wading or swimming pools on the premises.		
E34. (Observe.) Is there always a caregiver at the pool supervising children whenever there is water in the pool (for wading pools), or whenever any child in care has access to the pool (for swimming pools)?	90/50-12(10)(a) 90/50-12(9)(a)	
Is there a swimming pool on the premises that is not emptied after each use? If yes: E35. (Observe.) Is the pool enclosed in a fence or other solid barrier at least 4' high, kept locked with a key or combination lock whenever pool is not in use, or else covered by a properly working ASTM approved safety cover?	90/50-12(10)(c)(ii)	
E36. (Observe.) If the pool is over 6 feet deep and is in use, is there a Red Cross or equivalent certified lifeguard on duty?	90/50-12(10)(f)	
Hot Tubs – N/A if there are no hot tubs on the premises.		
E37. (Observe.) If there is a hot tub on the premises that is accessible to children and has water in it, is it either surrounded by a four foot fence, or equipped with a properly working locking cover that is locked?	90/50-12(11)(a)-(b)	