



TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS OF ILLINOIS RISK MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

RISK REMINDER

Playground Equipment



Here are a few important items to inspect when examining your playground equipment. Remember, all annual and regular maintenance inspections should be documented.:

Safety Surfacing - Surfacing such as wood chips, mulch, sand, pea gravel, or shredded rubber tires must have at least 9 inches thickness under and around equipment. Surfacing should be free of trash, glass, metal, and animal waste.

Swings - The chains and swing seats/buckets need to be in good condition. Verify S-hooks are closed.

Mechanical and Structural Breakdowns - No broken or missing components on the equipment including handrails, guardrails, protective barriers, steps or rungs. Inspect for loose, worn out, or missing bolts and fasteners.

Age Specific Equipment with Signage - Playground equipment should display age appropriate signage. Categories include; toddlers 6 months to 2 years, Preschoolers 2-5 years, and school aged children 5-12 years.

Entanglement or Entrapment Hazards - Bolts should not protrude from the equipment. Openings in guardrails, between ladder rungs and other openings must measure less than 3.5 inches or more than 9 inches.

All Equipment Should be Anchored.

For more information, contact TOIRMA at (888) 562-7861

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