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	STANDARD: **OSHA 29 CFR 1910.176 (Handling Materials - General), ANSI Z535, and ADA Public Accommodation Standards**	AUDIT FREQUENCY: **Weekly Audit**

Commercial Shopping Cart Fleet Inspection Safety Audit Checklist

Operational Scope: Establishes a rigorous inspection protocol for retail shopping cart fleets to mitigate pedestrian hazards, ergonomic strain, and structural failure. Ensures full compliance with material handling safety regulations across all store perimeters and parking facilities.

MANDATORY PPE:	High-Visibility Reflective Safety Vest (ANSI/ISEA 107), Steel-Toe Safety Footwear (ASTM F2413), Heavy-Duty Cut-Resistant Gloves (ANSI Abrasion Level 4), Weather-Appropriate Outerwear with Retroreflective Striping
PREREQUISITES:	Verify weather and lighting conditions are safe for outdoor lot assessment. | Secure designated inspection staging area with traffic cones to prevent pedestrian entry.

STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY & FRAME INSPECTION

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
1	**Welded Frame & Wire Mesh**	Inspect all structural welds and wire cross-sections for cracks, rust-through points, sharp protrusions, or broken wires that could snag clothing or skin.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
2	**Child Safety Seat & Restraint Gate**	Verify that the folding seat operates smoothly, the leg openings are free of sharp edges, and the warning labels regarding child safety limits are intact and legible.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
3	**Handlebar Assembly & Plastic Caps**	Check that the handlebar is rigidly attached without twisting, and both end caps are securely fixed to prevent exposed tubular metal ends.	**Warning**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
4	**Corner Bumpers & Protective Trim**	Inspect plastic or rubber corner guards to ensure they are firmly attached and capable of absorbing impacts without exposing sharp metal framing underneath.	**Standard**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A

MOBILITY, STEERING & BRAKING SYSTEMS

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
5	**Caster Wheels & Swivel Bearings**	Test all four wheels for free rotation, excessive wobble, flat spots, or debris (hair, string, plastic wrap) wrapped around axles that impedes steering.	**Warning**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
6	**Wheel Locking / Retarder Mechanism**	For electronic or magnetic cart containment systems, verify that locking front or rear wheels engage properly upon crossing perimeter boundary markers.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
7	**Tracking & Straight-Line Roll**	Push the cart on a flat, level surface to verify it tracks straight without pulling violently to one side, which introduces ergonomic strain for workers and customers.	**Standard**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A

SANITATION, SIGNAGE & FLEET MANAGEMENT

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
8	**Sanitation & Biohazard Inspection**	Check baskets and child seats for accumulated sticky residue, mold, biological waste, or sharp foreign objects requiring deep sanitation.	**Warning**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
9	**Store Branding & Identification Plates**	Ensure store logo placards, asset tracking numbers, and liability disclaimer notices are clearly visible and permanently affixed to the cart body.	**Standard**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
10	**Corral Stacking & Nesting Alignment**	Verify that carts nest properly within one another without jamming or creating extended pinch points that risk hand injuries during retrieval tasks.	**Warning**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A

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