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	STANDARD: **OSHA 29 CFR 1910.176 & ASTM F2372 Safety Standards for Commercial Shopping Carts**	AUDIT FREQUENCY: **Weekly Routine Audit & Daily Pre-Shift Overview**

Commercial Shopping Cart Fleet Inspection Sop Template

Operational Scope: Establishes a standardized procedure for inspecting and maintaining commercial shopping cart fleets across retail environments to mitigate customer injury risks and wheel-lock failure hazards. Mandates regular evaluation to ensure strict compliance with institutional retail safety standards and liability reduction protocols.

MANDATORY PPE:	High-Visibility Safety Vest (ANSI/ISEA 107), Cut-Resistant Utility Gloves (ANSI/ISEA Level 4), Steel-Toe Safety Footwear (ASTM F2413), Industrial Impact-Resistant Safety Glasses (ANSI Z87.1)
PREREQUISITES:	Verify inspection zone is clear of active customer traffic and staging areas are cordoned off. | Ensure calibrated torque tools, cleaning supplies, and lockout-tagout (LOTO) tags are staged. | Review previous weekly cart maintenance log to track recurring structural and wheel defects.

STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY AND FRAME ASSESSMENT

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
1	**Welded Wire Frame and Basket Mesh**	Inspect all wire welds for cracks, fractures, sharp protrusions, or broken cross-wires exceeding 5mm gaps.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
2	**Child Safety Seat and Restraint Gate**	Check hinged folding seat, pivot points, and warning labels; seat must drop flat securely and restraint strap must latch without fraying.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
3	**Plastic Handlebar and End Caps**	Verify handlebar is tightly secured with no rotational slipping, cracking, or exposed jagged metal ends; end caps must be firmly installed.	**Warning**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**

MOBILITY, CASTERS, AND BRAKING SYSTEMS

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
4	**Front Swivel Casters and Bearings**	Casters must rotate 360 degrees smoothly without binding, flat spots, hair/debris winding, or loose mounting bolts.	**Warning**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
5	**Rear Fixed Wheels and Axle Assembly**	Inspect rear wheels for excessive lateral play, structural cracking, or axle bending that causes tracking drift exceeding 15 degrees.	**Warning**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
6	**Cart Containment Wheel-Lock Systems**	Test electronic or magnetic wheel-locking mechanisms against perimeter boundary lines to ensure immediate engagement upon exit.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**

SANITATION, LABELING, AND FLEET COMPLIANCE

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
7	**Surface Hygiene and Corrosion Control**	Inspect for heavy rust, organic residue, chemical spills, or biohazards requiring pressure washing and sanitization.	**Standard**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**
8	**Store Branding and Safety Placards**	Ensure store logo placards and mandatory safe-use instructional signage are legible, undamaged, and firmly adhered.	**Standard**	**[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A**

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