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	STANDARD: **CPSC Publication No. 325 (Public Playground Safety Handbook) & ASTM F1487**	AUDIT FREQUENCY: **Daily Pre-Shift**

School Playground Equipment Safety Inspection Daily Log Sheet

Operational Scope: This daily log sheet establishes a standardized inspection protocol for all school playground structures to proactively identify structural hazards, wear, and vandalism. Its primary objective is to eliminate injury risks to students and staff while ensuring full institutional compliance with CPSC safety mandates.

MANDATORY PPE:	High-Visibility Safety Vest (ANSI/ISEA 107), Leather Utility Gloves, Steel-Toe Safety Footwear (ASTM F2413), UV-Protective Safety Glasses, Clipboard with Weatherproof Storage
PREREQUISITES:	Verify playground access gates are unlocked and perimeter fencing is secure. | Ensure weather conditions are clear and equipment surfaces are free of ice, standing water, or extreme heat. | Review previous day's log sheet to verify resolution of any reported minor discrepancies.

SURFACING & STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY INSPECTION

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
1	**Protective Surfacing (Wood Mulch / Rubber Matting)**	Surfacing material meets minimum 12-inch depth under fall zones, is free of foreign debris, glass, or sharp objects, and contains no compressed depressions.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
2	**Support Posts and Uprights**	Posts are firmly anchored in concrete footings with no visible rust, rotting, cracking, or movement when lateral pressure is applied.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
3	**Fasteners, Bolts, and Hardware**	All connecting hardware, S-hooks, and shackles are fully tightened with no protruding bolt threads, missing caps, or signs of shear stress.	**Warning**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
4	**Guardrails and Handrails**	Railings are structurally sound, continuous, secure, and spaced strictly to prevent child entrapment (less than 3.5 inches or greater than 9 inches).	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A

MOVING PARTS & PLAY COMPONENT VERIFICATION

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
5	**Swing Assemblies and Chains**	Chains show less than 15% wear at pivot points, rubber seats are free of cracks or exposed metal inserts, and moving joints operate smoothly.	**Warning**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
6	**Slide Chutes and Exit Regions**	Slide beds are free of gouges, sharp edges, and thermal warping; exit region provides safe, cushioned deceleration space.	**Critical (Immediate Out of Service)**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
7	**Climbing Walls and Ropes**	Climbing grips are securely torqued and uncracked; synthetic ropes show no signs of fraying, core exposure, or vandalism.	**Warning**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
8	**Moving Spring/Rocker Toys**	Base anchoring and internal spring mechanisms are fully enclosed, preventing pinch points, and handles are secure and non-slip.	**Standard**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A

SITE HAZARDS, SIGNAGE & PERIMETERS

#	COMPONENT / ITEM	VERIFICATION CRITERIA & ACCEPTANCE STANDARD	SEVERITY	STATUS
9	**Perimeter Fencing and Gates**	Fencing is intact with no sharp wire ends, and self-closing, self-latching security gates function reliably.	**Standard**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A
10	**Playground Signage**	Age-appropriateness and emergency contact warning signs are clearly legible, undamaged, and securely mounted.	**Standard**	[ ] PASS [ ] FAIL [ ] N/A

Certified Playground Inspector / Facilities Technician Signature: _____	**Date / Time:** _____	**Badge / Cert #:** _____
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