

A clearer picture of playground conditions.

Sample comprehensive playground inspection report

DEMONSTRATION SITE

Example Community Playground

Fictional location | Central Texas | Report type: Baseline

This mock report illustrates format only; no inspection or measurements occurred.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

An effective inspection report translates observable conditions into clear owner actions. Each finding is tied to a reference photograph or measurement when available, an explanation of concern, a proposed priority and an owner-directed next step. The examples on the following page are entirely fictional.

WHAT A REAL CLIENT REPORT CAN INCLUDE

01

Site and equipment inventory

Identifies the areas and components reviewed.

02

Photographic findings

Images, references, field notes and observations.

03

Priority-based recommendations

Helps owners sequence maintenance and follow-up.

04

Limitations and next steps

Documents inspection scope and open questions.

Example findings: observe, assess, prioritize, recommend.

All conditions below are invented solely to demonstrate reporting structure.

01

Swing assembly hardware

Priority: Prompt review

ILLUSTRATIVE OBSERVATION

A fastener at one swing connection appears loose in this fictional example. A real assessment would require field confirmation and documentation.

ILLUSTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Restrict affected equipment as warranted, have qualified personnel inspect the connection and follow manufacturer guidance for repairs.

02

Protective surfacing displacement

Priority: Routine corrective action

ILLUSTRATIVE OBSERVATION

A hypothetical high-traffic area beneath a slide shows uneven loose-fill surfacing. No actual depth, impact performance or use-zone measurements are represented.

ILLUSTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Measure and assess against the applicable design, manufacturer instructions, maintenance requirements and current relevant standards.

03

Surface corrosion on a panel edge

Priority: Monitor and maintain

ILLUSTRATIVE OBSERVATION

A fictitious minor surface condition is noted for trending and maintenance. Actual priority would depend on the part, severity and exposure.

ILLUSTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Document condition, plan maintenance and reassess for changes during routine checks.

What happens after an inspection?

A reporting process designed for clear owner decisions.

1

Confirm the scope

Record the site, access, equipment, review boundaries and any exclusions before field work.

2

Observe and document

Record conditions, supporting photographs, measurements or probes when appropriate, and reference applicable criteria.

3

Prioritize findings

Distinguish conditions requiring prompt attention from scheduled maintenance and monitoring.

4

Communicate the result

Provide a written report and contact the owner promptly about observed critical conditions, where applicable.

Important scope and safety qualifications

- An inspection is a documented professional assessment of observed conditions, not a guarantee that a playground is hazard-free.
- Owners remain responsible for maintenance, supervision, correction decisions and ongoing checks between visits.
- The applicable current CPSC, ASTM, manufacturer and site-specific requirements depend on equipment, intended use and agreed scope.
- This sample is illustrative only: it contains no real inspection, field photographs, measurements, pass/fail finding or certification.

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