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For Alaskan Kids of All Ages

PLAYGROUND REPORT CARD

LOCATION: _____, ALASKA

Subject	Grade
1. CONDITION of equipment	_____
2. SURFACES must be smooth	_____
3. TRIP hazards eliminated	_____
4. TIPPING of equipment prevented	_____
5. FALL ZONES adequate	_____
6. GAPS or SPACES absent	_____
7. ELECTRICAL WIRES secured	_____
8. DANGEROUS TREE LIMBS removed	_____
9. SURFACE AREAS safe and uniform	_____
10. HAZARDS REMOVED	_____



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CONDITION of equipment:

- a. Check for broken or missing components, or any damaged structure.
- b. Is the paint on equipment chipping or peeling?
- c. Are the swing seats constructed of heavy or rigid materials (wood, metal, etc.)?

SURFACES must be smooth:

- d. Are the equipment surfaces smooth? Check for sharp points, corners, edges, nails, splinters etc.

TRIP hazards eliminated:

- e. Are there any trip hazards? Check for exposed footings, anchoring devices, or environmental obstacles.

TIPPING of equipment prevented:

- f. Check the foundations of slides, monkey bars, swings, etc.: is the equipment properly secured to prevent tipping?

FALL ZONES adequate:

Check for equipment foundations in a fall zone surrounding or under the equipment—look closely for buried foundations that still may pose a threat.

- g. Does the surface material extend at least 6' from the equipment?

For slides: surface must extend the height of the slide + four feet

For swings: surface must extend twice the height *in front as well as behind the swings*



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GAPS or SPACES absent:

- h. Are there any gaps or spaces in the equipment? Examine all S-hooks on swings: you should not be able to insert a dime or credit card into the space; look for gaps or protrusions in slide areas, elevated walks, etc. that could snag clothing or allow a child's limbs to be caught while playing.

ELECTRICAL WIRES:

- i. Check the playground for any electrical wires supplying or passing through the play area. Are there any exposed wires in or around the playground?

DANGEROUS TREE LIMBS:

- j. Are there trees in or around the playground? Look closely for evidence of dead or dying branches overhanging or surrounding the play area.

SURFACE AREAS:

- k. What is the surface under and around the play equipment? (Circle below)

Wood Chips Sand Grass Cement/Pavement Other_____

- l. Does the surface cover the play area uniformly? Check for erosion in high traffic areas, or grass/dirt exposed through playground surface.

HAZARDS REMOVED:

- m. Are there any animal swings, swinging trapeze bars, or unsecured climbing ropes?