

# Michigan Municipal Workers' Compensation Fund

## Safety and Health Resource Manual

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### Playground Safety Checklist

	OK	NO		OK	NO
<b>General</b>			<b>Slides</b>		
1. Equipment stable. No deterioration in footings and joints	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. There is an 8-ft. obstruction-free zone in front of the exit area and a 6-ft. zone on all sides.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Equipment complete, no missing parts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Slope support frames are straight, and don't have finger entrapment areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. No warping/bending of members.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Slide is of one-piece construction or connections are of lap-joint construction rather than butt-joint construction.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Free from pinch or crush points.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. There is clear line-of-straight from top to bottom of the slide.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Free from sharp points and corners.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5. If slide is stainless steel, it is oriented to prevent the sun from heating the slide surface.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Concrete footing appropriately buried.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Swings</b>		
<b>Head/Finger Entrapment</b>			1. Swing crossbeam height is 8 ft. or less.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1. No openings between 3/8" to 1".	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Swings are hung 18 inches apart.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. No openings between 3" to 9".	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	3. Swing seats are free of exposed metal parts or sharp hardware.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. No angles greater than 55 degrees.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	4. S locks and other connectors are fully enclosed and secure.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Hardware</b>			<b>Spinning Equipment/Merry-Go-Round</b>		
1. Hardware complete, securely attached and without any deterioration.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Platform is level and stays level when unevenly loaded.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Fasteners and connecting devices require tools to loosen/remove.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Distance between the bottom of the whirl and ground is less than 3 inches.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Ladders</b>			3. Equipment is free of open framework and gaps in the central support post.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1. Slide ladders are fully enclosed and don't trap surfacing material.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Sand Boxes</b>		
2. Ladders have slope of 50-75 degrees.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Sand is within the framework and free of foreign matter.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Steps are at least 15' wide.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Box is in a quiet, shady place.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Steps are evenly spaced and are between 9" and 11" apart.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Maintenance</b>		
5. Stairways and ladders with steps have continuous handrails on both sides.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	1. Maintenance is regularly scheduled and accomplished.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Step finish is slip-resistant.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	2. Maintenance personnel understand appropriate safety standards.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Play Areas</b>			3. Equipment is kept in safe working condition.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1. Free of tripping and falling hazards such as protruding roots and rocks, or other obstacles such as drain pipes.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
2. The area has good drainage.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
3. There is an 8-ft. fall zone around each piece of equipment, unless otherwise specified.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			