

PLAYGROUND

Playground Criteria

Playground designed and arranged to accommodate a variety of developmentally appropriate activities, which include:

1. Active/large muscle (for example: running, climbing, etc.)
2. Quiet/small muscle (for example: places to sit, sand play, etc.)
3. Construction/dramatic (for example: building blocks, props, etc.)
4. Individual/small group.

Outdoor program plans are seasonally adjusted to reflect extended outdoor periods and provide for additional activities and equipment.



Name of centre: _____ Loc #: _____
 Room #: _____ Date Completed: _____
 D/M/Y

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Section 5	①	②	③	④	Score
Playground	Does Not Meet Expectations	Needs Improvement	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations	
1. Supervision of Children	<input type="checkbox"/> Staffing not in place to safely escort children to and from the playground or indoor gross motor play areas <input type="checkbox"/> Ratio's not maintained on the playground/ indoor gross motor play areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff position themselves to ensure view of all playground/ indoor gross motor play areas <input type="checkbox"/> Staff frequently scan the playground/ indoor gross motor play areas	Staff supervise the playground/ indoor gross motor play area to ensure the health and safety of the children by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Balancing observations and interactions with children <input type="checkbox"/> Being aware of the numbers and location of children <input type="checkbox"/> Reacting quickly to remedy unsafe conditions or situations 	<input type="checkbox"/> Telephone or walkie-talkie (intercom) used on the playground ☞	<p style="text-align: center;">1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4</p>

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<p>2. Playground Surfaces</p> <p>(*Notes 2.1: Due to a child's disability, they are not able to participate because of the surface, for example if there are wood chips a wheel chair could not navigate, etc.)</p> <p>(2.2 and 2.3: Surfaces can include grass, step into sand box, tarmac, concrete, mats, etc.)</p> <p>(2.3: More then one activity is offered)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Playground surfaces do not provide for the participation of all children*	<input type="checkbox"/> One playground surface available*	<input type="checkbox"/> Two different playground surfaces available that provide for the participation of all children and allow for a variety of activities*	<input type="checkbox"/> Playground includes seating area	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p>
<p>3. Sun and Shade Areas</p> <p>(*Notes 3.1, 3.3: Trees, grass, plants, etc.)</p> <p>(3.2: 25% of the day — this can be assessed over the course of the day; however, there should be shade available at all times)</p> <p>(3.2: Trees, plants and/or grass on 25% of the playground area)</p> <p>(3.4: Secure permanent structures that allow children to use the playground during all weather conditions)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sun and shade areas not available on the playground*	<input type="checkbox"/> Some shade available on the playground*	<input type="checkbox"/> Sun and shade areas available on the playground <input type="checkbox"/> Natural elements in or around the playground*	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor playground available for use in all types of weather conditions, for example covered section, awnings, etc.*	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p>
<p>4. Posted Outdoor Program Plan</p> <p>(*Note: 4.2: 25% of the programming is developmentally appropriate)</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> No outdoor program plan posted	<input type="checkbox"/> Program plan posted and developmentally appropriate in some areas*	<input type="checkbox"/> A posted outdoor program plan is followed and based on the developmental needs of the children, their interests, needs and strengths	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor planning incorporates and builds on the inside program plan	<p>1</p> <p>2</p> <p>3</p> <p>4</p>

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<p>5. Small Toys and Equipment</p> <p>(*Notes 5.1, 5.3: More than one type of toy/equipment offered)</p> <p>(5.1: enough toys and equipment for the number of children who want to use them)</p> <p>(5.2, 5.3: seasonally adjusted means toboggans, shovels, rakes, wading pool, etc., are offered during the correct season)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> No variety of equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient amount of toys and equipment for the amount of children* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment is in good condition <input type="checkbox"/> Some equipment is seasonally adjusted* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Variety of small toys, in good condition available, e.g., balls, pails and shovels, sports equipment, etc.* <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment is suitable for the age, ability and number of children <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment is seasonally adjusted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Each age group has their own area, toys and equipment 	1 2 3 4
<p>6. Large Toys and Equipment</p> <p>(*Notes: 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4: Bikes, scooters, ride on toys, etc.)</p> <p>(6.2: 25% of the equipment)</p> <p>(6.3: More than one type of toy/equipment offered)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> No large toys available* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Some large toys, are appropriate for the age and ability of the children* <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment is in good condition. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Variety of large toys, in good condition available (for example: bikes, wagons, push toys, etc.* <input type="checkbox"/> Equipment is suitable for the age, ability and number of children <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of one wheeled toy available for every four children using the playground 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Large toys are seasonally appropriate, e.g., toboggans, snow shoes, bikes, etc.* 	1 2 3 4
<p>7. Outdoor Storage</p> <p>(*Note: 7.2: 25% of the equipment)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> No storage provided for outdoor equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Storage provided for some outdoor equipment* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Designated storage space provided for all outdoor equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Storage for outdoor equipment is located close to or on the playground 	1 2 3 4

Toronto Operating Criteria Section Score Sheet:

Sections:	Score:
Playground	
Total (All items added together)	
Average Score (Total divided by number of items scored)	



**Playground Section
Overall Average Score:** _____

Comments: _____

