



# Playground

## Early Learning and Care Assessment for Quality Improvement

	Does Not Meet Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations	Score
	1 or 2	3	4 or 5	
<b>1. Supervision of Children</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Staffing not in place to safely escort children to and from the playground and/or indoor gross motor play area	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff are able to balance supervision with interactions	<input type="checkbox"/> Centre provides extra seasonal outdoor clothing	<b>1</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ratios not maintained on the playground and/or indoor gross motor play area	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff are aware of the numbers and location of children	<input type="checkbox"/> Communication is accessible by use of cordless phone, child care cell phone, walkie talkie and/or intercom	<b>2</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff do not position themselves to ensure clear view of all playground and/or indoor gross motor play areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff react quickly to remedy unsafe conditions and/or situations.	<input type="checkbox"/> Time is scheduled daily to set up the playground prior to children having access to it	<b>3</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Staff do not scan the playground and/or indoor gross motor play area.		<input type="checkbox"/> Each age group has their own designated outdoor time.	<b>4</b>
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<b>2. Outdoor Play Space and Shade Areas</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> One playground surface accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> Two playground surfaces accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> Playground includes seating area	<b>1</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sensory materials and/or sand are not accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> Sensory materials and/or sand accessible to children during entire outdoor play time	<input type="checkbox"/> Third surface provided	<b>2</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Play space is not defined	<input type="checkbox"/> Sand box covered when not in use	<input type="checkbox"/> Incline surface accessible	<b>3</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor play space is not in a state of good repair	<input type="checkbox"/> Infants are provided with outdoor gross motor time	<input type="checkbox"/> Each age group has their own designated play space	<b>4</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> No shade is accessible on the playground	<input type="checkbox"/> Balance of shade and sunny areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Nature built furnishings and equipment	<b>5</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Water source is not available.	<input type="checkbox"/> Natural elements are in or beside the playground.	<input type="checkbox"/> Evidence that a garden and/or nature area is accessible	<b>4</b>
			<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor play space accessible in all weather conditions.	<b>5</b>

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<b>3. Physical Play Equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No balls are available</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Balls are not inflated</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No additional developmentally-appropriate physical play equipment is available.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Three or more balls are accessible</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Three or more additional developmentally-appropriate physical play equipment is accessible</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Staff set up physical play equipment to facilitate participation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Three or more types of equipment accessible to foster balance, coordination and climbing skills</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Active lifestyle resources are accessible for families</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Community recreation resources are accessible to families.</li> </ul>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>5</b></p>

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<b>4. Learning Materials</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No learning materials accessible</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient amount of learning materials for the number of children wanting to use them</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Learning materials are not in good condition.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Three or more different types of learning materials accessible</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Learning materials reflect the interests of children</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Learning materials are developmentally-appropriate.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Three or more types of learning materials are accessible to explore nature</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Two or more learning areas are extended to the outdoor environment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Two or more learning materials promote social and/or dramatic play.</li> </ul>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>5</b></p>

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<b>5. Wheeled Toys</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No wheeled toys available</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wheeled toys are not in good condition</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Only one type of wheeled toy available.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> One wheeled toy for every four children accessible</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Wheeled toys are developmentally-appropriate</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Two or more types of wheeled toys are accessible</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> One large winter toy for every four children is available.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Three or more types of wheeled toys are accessible</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bike path or trail is accessible to children</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Bike safety resources are accessible to families.</li> </ul>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>5</b></p>

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<b>6. Outdoor Storage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No storage provided for outdoor equipment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor equipment is stacked on top of each other in an unsafe manner</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor storage is not securely locked.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Designated storage provided for all outdoor equipment</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Storage is accessible all year round</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit is accessible outside.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Storage for outdoor equipment is located close to or on the playground</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Storage is organized</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Storage is labelled.</li> </ul>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>5</b></p>