

Utah Department of Health, Bureau of Child Care Licensing  
**Child Care Center Announced Inspection Checklist J -- Playground Inspection**

<b>Center Name:</b>		<b>Center Phone #:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>			<b>Center ID #:</b>
<b>Director (or Designee):</b>		<b>Licensed Capacity:</b>	<b>Licensed Capacity &lt; Age 2:</b>
<b>Licensing Specialist(s):</b>			<b># of Playgrounds:</b>
<b>Inspection Date:</b> /     /	<b>Start Time:</b>	<b>End Time:</b>	<b>License Expiration Date:</b> /     /

<b>Owner / Director Introductory Items</b>	
	Introduce any unknown Bureau staff to the Owner/Director.
	Give the Owner/Director a brief explanation of the inspection process.
	Ask the Owner/Director if s/he wants you to tell staff about noncompliance areas as you conduct the walk-through, or wait until the inspection is over and only tell the Owner/Director.

<b>OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT INSPECTION ITEMS</b>	<b>X = Compliance O = Noncompliance</b>	
	<b>Rule #</b>	<b>Level</b>
<b>J 1.</b> (Observe.) If there are children on the playground, are they being actively supervised to minimize the risk of injury to children? Are infants or toddlers mixed with older children on the same playground? (N/A if no children on the playground.)	100-24(2):09	1
<b>J 2.</b> (Observe.) Is the outdoor play area enclosed within a 4' fence or wall, or a solid natural barrier at least 4' high?	100-6(4):09	1, 2
<b>J 3.</b> (Observe.) Are there any gaps in the fence or barrier, or between the fence and the ground, greater than 5"?	100-6(5):09	1, 2
<b>J 4.</b> (Observe.) Are there any openings greater than 3-1/2" x 6-1/4" but less than 9" diameter anywhere in the outdoor play area where children's feet cannot touch the ground? (Infants/toddlers: > 23 1/4" above the ground; preschoolers: > 25 1/4"; school age: > 33" above the ground)	100-6(6):09	1
<b>J 5.</b> (Observe.) Is the outdoor play area and equipment maintained to protect children's safety? For example; no missing, broken, or worn out components on equipment; all hardware on equipment secure; no metal rusted badly enough to cause equipment failure; no splintery wood; equipment is stable; cushioning is free of animal excrement.	100-6(11):09	1, 2
<b>J 6.</b> (Observe.) Do infant and toddler swings have enclosed seats?	100-6(10)(a)(viii):09	1
<b>J 7.</b> (Observe.) Is there protective cushioning in all existing use zones?	100-6(10)(d):09	1
<b>J 8.</b> (Observe.) Does protective cushioning in existing use zones around stationary play equipment meet depth requirements and/or need to be redistributed?	100-6(10)(e):09	1, 2
	100-6(10)(f):09	1, 2
<b>J 9.</b> (Observe.) Is sand, gravel, and shredded tire cushioning loosened (not compacted) to required depths?	100-6(10)(e):09	1, 2
<b>J 10.</b> (Observe.) Does wood product cushioning have adequate drainage?	100-6(10)(g)(ii):09	2

J 11. (Observe.) Has center changed cushioning since last inspection? If yes, is there ASTM documentation for wood product cushioning? Get a copy if there is not one in BMI.	100-6(10)(g)(i):09	3
J 12. (Observe.) Is poured rubber or rubber mat cushioning securely installed?	100-6(10)(h)(ii):09	1
J 13. (Observe.) Is there ASTM documentation for poured rubber or rubber mat cushioning? Get a copy if there is not one in BMI.	100-6(10)(h)(i):09	3
J 14. (Observe.) Is stationary play equipment with a designated play surface 18" or less (infant/toddler), 20" or less (preschool), or 30" or less (school age) placed on grass or another soft surface? (Not on concrete, asphalt, or dirt.)	100-6(10)(i):09	1
J 15. (Observe.) Are there any protrusion or strangulation hazards in or adjacent to the use zone of any piece of stationary play equipment?	100-6(10)(n):09	1, 2

Highest Designated Play Surface, Climbing Bar, or Swing Pivot Point	Fine Sand	Coarse Sand	Fine Gravel	Medium Gravel	Shredded Tires
4' high or less	6"	6"	6"	6"	6"
Over 4' up to 5'	6"	6"	6"	6"	6"
Over 5' up to 6'	12"	12"	6"	12"	6"
Over 6' up to 7'	12"	Not Allowed	9"	Not Allowed	6"
Over 7' up to 8'	12"	Not Allowed	12"	Not Allowed	6"
Over 8' up to 9'	12"	Not Allowed	12"	Not Allowed	6"
Over 9' up to 10'	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	12"	Not Allowed	6"
Over 10' up to 11'	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	6"
Over 11' up to 12'	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	6"

Notes:

Circle the row for highest designated play surface or climbing bar on chart to the left, if sand, gravel, or shredded tires are used as protective cushioning.

Mark Which Material is Used:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Fine Sand	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coarse Sand	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fine Gravel	<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium Gravel	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shredded Tires
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Measurements:

Hole #1:

Hole #2:

Hole #3:

Hole #4 (if needed):

Hole #5 (if needed):

Hole #6 (if needed):

Hole #7 (if needed):

Average Depth of All Holes Measured:

TABLE 2 Depths of Protective Cushioning Required for Shredded Wood Products			
Highest Designated Play Surface, Climbing Bar, or Swing Pivot Point	Engineered Wood Fibers	Wood Chips	Double Shredded Bark Mulch
4' high or less	6"	6"	6"
Over 4' up to 5'	6"	6"	6"
Over 5' up to 6'	6"	6"	6"
Over 6' up to 7'	9"	6"	9"
Over 7' up to 8'	12"	9"	9"
Over 8' up to 9'	12"	9"	9"
Over 9' up to 10'	12"	9"	9"
Over 10' up to 11'	12"	Not Allowed	12"
Over 11' up to 12'	12"	Not Allowed	Not Allowed

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<input type="checkbox"/>	Engineered Wood Fibers
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Wood Chips
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