



## Daily Playground Safety Checklist

Playground: \_\_\_\_\_ Month: \_\_\_\_\_

**Daily inspections of the playground will include but not be limited to a search for the following hazards:**

- Needles, glass and other sharp objects. Glass and non-biohazardous sharp materials can be disposed of in hard plastic or metal containers in the dumpster. However, if syringes are discovered, the Health Manager should be notified so that the Local Police Department can dispatch the Needle Disposal service to the location. This is important so that other paraphernalia can be confiscated and so that illicit drug use on Head Start property is reported appropriately.
- Resilient surfacing (woodchips, bark) around each fall zone must be 8 inches deep. Surfacing must be maintained (raked) to meet standards.
- Other dangers may include: poisonous or hazardous foliage, including sharp branches, thorns, poisonous mushrooms, bee or wasp nests and wood structures that have sharp splinters, bolts, nails, etc.
- Suspicious persons who do not have any legitimate reason for being in or around the playground area.

Monday date & Initials	Tuesday date & Initials	Wednesday date & Initials	Thursday date & Initials	Friday date & Initials

**All hazards must be corrected before the playground may be used.  
Turn in by the 5<sup>th</sup> calendar day of each month to education department.**