

Playground Policy

The Town wishes to provide a safe and fun playground for the recreation of children between the ages of 5 and 12. Towards that end, the Town owns and maintains an age appropriate playground on Town property behind the Town Hall.

The playground is for use only by children ages 5 to 12 and only with adult supervision.

The Town will conduct ~~a routine inspections~~ of the playground equipment and grounds ~~once per month from April through October in each spring and fall and at least once during each summer~~ for excessive wear, deterioration, or potential hazards, such as those shown in Table 3 of the Consumer Products Safety Commission Handbook for Public Playground Safety, copy attached. In addition, ~~approximately every five years,~~ the Town will periodically have the playground inspected by a risk control agent of the town's general liability insurance carrier or by a Certified Playground Safety Inspector or other qualified person as determined by the Town Board.

Results of the inspections will be kept on file by the Town Clerk. The Town will consider all safety issues noted during the inspections and will take appropriate action to address them, with particular regard to designated high priority issues.

Table 3. Routine inspection and maintenance issues

- ☐ Broken equipment such as loose bolts, missing end caps, cracks, etc.
- ☐ Broken glass & other trash
- ☐ Cracks in plastics
- ☐ Loose anchoring
- ☐ Hazardous or dangerous debris
- ☐ Insect damage
- ☐ Problems with surfacing
- ☐ Displaced loose-fill surfacing (see Section 4.3)
- ☐ Holes, flakes, and/or buckling of unitary surfacing
- ☐ User modifications (such as ropes tied to parts or equipment rearranged)
- ☐ Vandalism
- ☐ Worn, loose, damaged, or missing parts
- ☐ Wood splitting
- ☐ Rusted or corroded metals
- ☐ Rot