

Certified Playground Safety Inspector Content Outline

1. DESIGN AND INSTALLATION	15 questions
A. Evaluate site for potential installation	
B. Specify layout of play environment	
C. Select equipment based on age appropriateness, child development, accessibility, durability, community input, etc.	
D. Select surfacing materials based on age appropriateness, child development, accessibility, durability, community input, etc.	
E. Evaluate minimum accessibility safety requirements of the play environment	
F. Ensure that installation of equipment is in compliance with current ASTM Standard and CPSC guidelines	
G. Ensure that installation of equipment meets manufacturer's recommendations	
H. Ensure that installation of surfacing materials is in compliance with current ASTM standards and CPSC guidelines (field test or laboratory test)	
2. AUDIT AND INSPECTION	59 questions
A. Inventory equipment	
B. Inventory installation documentation, maintenance instructions, and compliance documentation	
C. Identify equipment not recommended for playgrounds	
D. Verify play environment (shade, drainage, use zones, etc.) is compliant with requirements	
E. Use inspection tools and gauges to identify conditions compliant and non-compliant with current ASTM standards and CPSC guidelines	
F. Verify compliance with equipment performance requirements	
G. Identify hazards such as: entanglement, sharp edges/points, impalement (protrusions), overhead obstructions, head entrapment, suspended components, neck entrapment, falls, crush and shear	
H. Determine fall heights of equipment	
I. Verify compliance of surfacing materials (compliance documentation, field test or laboratory test)	
J. Verify compliance with accessible route standards	
K. Verify that use zones meet current ASTM standards and CPSC guidelines	
L. Establish schedule of inspections (high-frequency, low frequency)	
M. Identify differences in content for high-frequency and low frequency inspections	
N. Create inspection forms	
O. Document hazards and non-compliant situations with citation of relevancy	
P. Apply professional judgment in accordance with current ASTM standards and CPSC guidelines to evaluate equipment not listed	
Q. Assess conditions for potential hazards	
R. Prioritize hazards and non-compliant situations	
S. Make recommendations regarding corrective action	
3. MAINTENANCE	11 questions
A. Maintain loose-fill surfacing for accessibility	
B. Maintain loose-fill surfacing for impact attenuation compliant with ASTM standards and CPSC guidelines	
C. Recommend corrective actions to bring conditions into compliance with ASTM standards and CPSC guidelines	
D. Recommend that corrective actions are performed in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations	
E. Develop a preventative maintenance program	
F. Follow a preventative maintenance program	
G. Take equipment out of service	
4. RISK MANAGEMENT/DOCUMENTATION/REPORTING	10 questions
A. Develop an operating procedure for documentation and record keeping	
B. Implement an operating procedure for documentation and record keeping	
C. Maintain site history files	
D. Maintain inspection records	
E. Maintain repair and maintenance records	
F. Remain current with industry trends and recalls	
G. Train staff on principles of playground safety	
H. Follow the CPSI Code of Professional Conduct	
TEST DEVELOPMENT	5 questions
A. Beta test questions included that are not calculated into the final score.	