

29 April 2015

Playground Inspection Report

Owner: XYZ Childcare Pty Ltd
Address: 106-114 Taylor Road Mooroolabrk
Date of Inspection: 23/02/2015



A summary of our Inspection Results are below.

Introduction

The documents contained in this report and comments relating to the inspection of the Play area at the address located on this cover page, have been undertaken and have been carried out in accordance to the Australian Standards detailed in:

Playground equipment: AS 4685:2014 1-6

Development, Installation, Inspection, Maintenance and operation: AS/NSZ 4486.1:1997

Playground surfacing – Specifications, requirements and test method: AS/NSZ 4422

We are unable to comment on any structural elements used in the playground and therefore a structural engineer may need to be engaged if required.

Play Areas

1. Is the play area clean and maintained?

Yes

Comment: Large amount of sand over surfaces

Action Required: Requires cleaning

Priority: Low



2. Is the playground free from damage caused by vandalism?

Yes



3. Is all external fencing in good condition and has no gaps exceeding 80mm?

Not Applicable



4. Does all external fencing and gates meet relevant height requirements (1200mm min or 1500mm Vic)?

Not Applicable

5. Are any external emergency or evacuation points free from obstruction?

No
Comment: Only for report example
Action Required: N/A
Priority: High



6. Does the play area have sufficient drainage to a discharge point? Yes



7. Is the play area free from sewer covers, drains, Utility boxes or the likes that pose a tripping hazard? Yes

8. Are all walkways and bike paths suitably located around other equipment? Yes

9. Are all paths free from loose materials, slippery surfaces, cracks or any irregularities that could potentially cause a slip or trip hazard? Yes



10. Is the overall surface of the playground in good condition and free from trip hazards and sharp or abrupt changes in level?

Yes



11. Are all wooden structures (structural and non-structural) free from rot, cracks and splinters?

No

Comment: Timber rail has been broken

Action Required: Replace or fix.

Priority: Medium



12. Are you able to confirm that there is no use of CCA treated timber?

Yes



13. Are all metal equipment and or hardware free of any rust and corrosion? Yes



14. Is the playground equipment suitably separated to prevent collisions? Yes



15. Is all fixed equipment securely fixed and visibly stable when in use? Yes

16. Is the area under fixed equipment equipped with shock absorbent material? Yes

17. Does the soft fall comply with AS/NZS4422?

No

Comment: No soft fall test scheduled for this site
Action Required: Impact attenuation test required to confirm.

Priority: Medium



18. Is the depth of soft fall adequate for the material used?

No

Comment: Approx 150mm of bark in some areas, minimum requirement is 250-300mm. Only for report example

Action Required: Top up soft fall in all required areas.

Priority: High



19. Do all fall zones meet requirements of AS 4685 Part 1 in relation to equipment height?

Yes



20. Is all fixed equipment free of pinch, crush and shearing points that could cause injury as per AS 4685?

Yes

21. Are all areas of equipment manufactured to eliminate any potential head entrapments as per AS 4685 Part1?

Yes



22. Are all ladders, stairs and ramps built in accordance to the relevant AS/NZS standard?

Yes



23. Is the play area free of any suspended hazards?

Yes

24. Are swings in good working order and have good foundations?

Not Applicable

25. Are swing seats, supports and hardware in satisfactory condition and comply with AS4685 Part2?

Not Applicable

26. Does the swing set have adequate soft fall and correct fall zones as per AS4685 Part 2?

Not Applicable

27. Does the climbing equipment and attachments look to be in good condition and free of any potential hazards?

Yes



28. Is the climbing equipment free of any potential footholds that would allow a child to reach an unintended play area as per AS4685 Part 1?

Yes



29. Are slides in good condition, securely attached and free from toggle entrapments as per AS4685 Part 1?

No
Comment: Slide is showing signs of wear.
Action Required: Replace slide when required.
Priority: Low



30. Are slides equipped with a platform to facilitate a sitting position, have an average incline of less than 40% and if over 1000mm in height have access rails as per AS4685 Part 3?

Yes



31. Does the slide meet fall zone and run out section requirement as per AS4685 Part 3 and have sufficient soft fall?

Yes



32. Are seesaws equipped with a spring centring device or cushioning material to prevent abrupt contact with the ground? Not Applicable

33. Are seesaws conformed to prevent pinching and crushing in accessible joints and supporting components as per AS4685 Part 6? Not Applicable

34. Are rotating platforms designed to eliminate retention or entrapment of body parts or clothing when exiting platform as per AS4685 Part 5? Not Applicable

35. Is there access to the playground and or special equipment to accommodate children with a disability? Yes
Comment: Area is accessible but not built for play.



36. Are sand pits in good order free from debris, mould, sharp objects and have sufficient sand? Yes



37. Does the sand pit have a fitted and functional cover? Not Applicable

38. Is there adequate shade over key play areas? Yes



39. Do shade sails/ pergolas, uprights and posts appear to be in good condition?

No

Comment: 2 of the shade sail have holes.

Action Required: Seek services to repair.

Priority: Low



40. Do any trees look to be healthy with no dangerous branches?

No

Comment: All trees appear to be healthy, however they are damaging shade sails.

Action Required: N/A

Priority: High



41. Is the area free from dangerous overhanging trees from neighbouring property's?

Yes

42. Are all tyres free from sharp wires, stacked safely and in general good working condition?

Not Applicable

43. Is the play area free of any hazards?

Yes

General

44. Are all areas around storage sheds and tanks safe and all in good condition?

Yes



45. Does the water tank have a visible “Do NOT drink tank water” sign?

Not Applicable

General Photographs



Summary

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We take this opportunity to thank you for your attendance, and we look forward to being of service to you again.

Your Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a horizontal line that loops back and crosses itself twice.

Matt Hanson