Primary Items

Carousel - Chair

Manufactured by Little Tikes Commercial Playsystems





Risk level:
Medium

Potential risk score reduction:
3

Remedial tasks:
3



Surface: **Rubber - Mulch - Bonded** at a depth of **50 mm**

Standards:

EN 1176-1:2017+A1:2023, EN 1176-5:2019

The item and its surfacing (where applicable) meet with the requirements of the relevant standards.

Maintenance Finding

Description

Hard or sharp projections.

Tasks

Remove hard, pointed and sharp projections.

Note

Stones and rocks within falling spaces.

Risk level:
Medium

Risk score:
8

Finding Photos





Primary Items

Maintenance Finding

Description

Additional comments are noted below.

Tasks

Remove.

Note

Drainage holes have been filled. Clear them out.

Risk level: Low

Risk score: 5

Finding Photos



Maintenance Finding

Description

Item is rusting in places.

Tasks

Descale.

Risk level: Low

Risk score: 5

Finding Photos

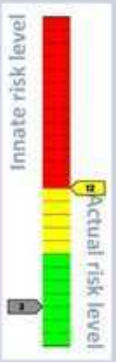


Primary Items

Rocker - Animal

Manufactured by HAGS Play Ltd





Risk level:
Medium

Potential risk score reduction:
9

Remedial tasks:
1



Surface: Rubber - Mulch - Bonded

Standards:

EN 1176-1:2017+A1:2023, EN 1176-6:2017

The item and its surfacing (where applicable) meet with the requirements of the relevant standards.

Maintenance Finding

Description

Fixtures loose or missing.

Tasks

Tighten/replace.

Note

Rocker body is very loose to spring connectors. Tighten all loose fixings. Notified since 2024.

Risk level:
Medium

Risk score:
12

Finding Photos



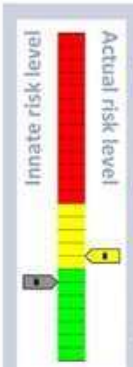


Primary Items

Rocker - Seesaw

Manufactured by Playdale Playgrounds Ltd





Risk level:
Medium

Potential risk score reduction:
2

Remedial tasks:
2



Surface: Rubber - Mulch - Bonded

Standards:

EN 1176-1:2017+A1:2023, EN 1176-6:2017

The item and its surfacing (where applicable) meet with the requirements of the relevant standards.

Maintenance Finding

Description

Hard or sharp projections.

Tasks

Remove hard, pointed and sharp projections.

Note

Stones and rocks.

Risk level:
Medium

Risk score:
8

Finding Photos



Primary Items

Maintenance Finding

Description

The spring is rusty. These have been known to fail without warning, leading to a collapse of the unit.

Risk level: Low

Risk score: 7

Tasks

De-scale back to good base material and coat with lead free paint, using appropriate precautions.

Finding Photos



Primary Items

Agility - Balance Trail - 6 Elements

Manufactured by Playdale Playgrounds Ltd







Standards:

EN 1176-1:2017+A1:2023

The item and its surfacing (where applicable) meet with the requirements of the relevant standards.

Primary Items

Maintenance Finding

Description

Fixtures loose or missing.

Tasks

Tighten/replace.

Note

Multiple eye bolts are loose. Secure.
Parallel beams and weave posts are very loose to supports. Secure.
Post shoe bolts are very loose throughout. Secure.
Cap/s are missing allowing water ingress into the frame and fixtures. Replace.

Risk level: Medium

Risk score: 10

Finding Photos







Primary Items

Maintenance Finding

Description

Exposed metal rope core(s).

Tasks

Replace the worn ropes.

Note

Rope bridge. Excessive levels of wear. Recommend replacing.

Risk level: Medium

Risk score: 9

Finding Photos





Maintenance Finding

Description

There are natural splits / shakes in the timbers.

Tasks

DO NOT fill shakes. Monitor and sand back any splintered edges as required., DO NOT fill shakes. Shakes vary. Monitor and consult manufacturer if dimensions exceed 8 mm at sections used to grip / grasp.

Note

Monitor all natural timber shakes. Shakes are creating slight splintering. Smooth off as necessary.

Risk level: Low

Risk score: 6

Finding Photos





Primary Items

Maintenance Finding

Description

Bolt cap damaged.

Tasks

Replace.

Note

Wobble board capping.

Risk level: Low

Risk score: 6

Finding Photos



Maintenance Finding

Description

The top of the beam should be made non-slip by the addition of surface textures or cross-cutting.

Tasks

Make the top of the beam non-slip by the addition of surface textures or cross-cutting.

Risk level: Low

Risk score: 4

Finding Photos

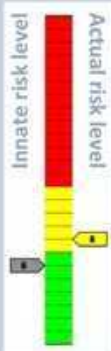


Primary Items

Multiplay

Manufactured by HAGS Play Ltd





Risk level:
Medium

Potential risk score reduction:
2

Remedial tasks:
4



Surface: **Rubber - Mulch - Bonded** at a depth of **50 mm**

Standards:

EN 1176-1:2017+A1:2023

The item and its surfacing (where applicable) meet with the requirements of the relevant standards.

Primary Items

Maintenance Finding

Description

Fixtures loose or missing.

Tasks

Tighten/replace.

Note

Rope connectors and barrier fixings.
Bridge logs loose. Tighten all loose fixings.
Caps are missing allowing water ingress into the frame and fixtures. Replace.

Risk level: Medium

Risk score: 8

Finding Photos






Primary Items

Maintenance Finding

Description

There are natural splits / shakes in the timbers.

Tasks

DO NOT fill shakes. Monitor and sand back any splintered edges as required., DO NOT fill shakes. Shakes vary. Monitor and consult manufacturer if dimensions exceed 8 mm at sections used to grip / grasp.

Risk level: Low

Risk score: 6

Finding Photos





Maintenance Finding

Description

The equipment is dirty or algae covered.

Tasks

Clean off.

Note

Surface/the equipment are algae covered, creating a slippery surface when wet.

Risk level: Low

Risk score: 5

Finding Photos



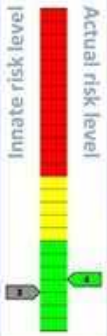


Primary Items

Play Panel

Manufactured by HAGS Play Ltd





Risk level: Low

Potential risk score reduction: 1

Remedial tasks: 1



Surface: **Rubber - Mulch - Bonded** at a depth of **50 mm**

Standards:

EN 1176-1:2017+A1:2023

The item and its surfacing (where applicable) meet with the requirements of the relevant standards.

Maintenance Finding

Description

Item is cut.

Tasks

Repair.

Risk level: Low

Risk score: 4

Finding Photos



Primary Items

Bridge

Manufactured by (Unknown)







Standards:

EN 1176-1:2017+A1:2023

The item or its surfacing are not compliant with the requirements of the relevant standards for the following reasons:

Standard Compliance Findings
1. The unit does not meet the requirements of the standard.

The item has the following maintenance findings:
1. Timber is not in good condition.
2. Cap missing.

Primary Items

Standard Compliance Finding

Description

The unit does not meet the requirements of the standard.

Tasks

Refer to manufacturer for comment.

Note

Bridge gaps create potential entrapments and platform gaps create finger entrapments. Unit is over 600 mm in height.

Risk level: Medium

Risk score: 8

Finding Photos





Maintenance Finding

Description

Timber is not in good condition.

Tasks

Replace affected parts., Read the notes for further action.

Note

Stepping post decayed through at ground level. Replace.
Bridge timbers are in poor condition and deteriorating leaving splinters. Replace affected parts.
Unit nearing end of life. Replace entirely/remove.

Risk level: Medium

Risk score: 12

Finding Photos





Primary Items

Maintenance Finding

Description

Cap missing.

Tasks

Replace.

Risk level:

Low

Risk score:

5

Finding Photos



Primary Items

Carousel - Accessible

Manufactured by Park Leisure Ltd







Standards:

EN 1176-1:2017+A1:2023, EN 1176-5:2019

Neither the equipment nor the surfacing are compliant with the requirements of the relevant standards for the following reasons:

Equipment Standard Compliance Findings
1. Finger entrapment.

Surfacing Standard Compliance Findings
1. Insufficient protective surfacing extent has been provided.

The item has the following maintenance findings:
1. Bearings require service.
2. Fixtures loose or missing.
3. Paintwork is in poor condition.

Primary Items

Standard Compliance Finding

Description

Insufficient protective surfacing extent has been provided.

Tasks

Modify to meet the standard.

Note

Surface depth very shallow and wearing, which is limiting the impact attenuation.

Risk level: Medium

Risk score: 9

Finding Photos





Standard Compliance Finding

Description

Finger entrapment.

Tasks

Eliminate the entrapment.

Risk level: Medium

Risk score: 8

Finding Photos



Primary Items

Maintenance Finding

Description

Bearings require service.

Tasks

Monitor and replace when necessary., Service the bearings.

Note

Bearings worn with limited movement of the unit. Dismantle due to sand being within mechanism.
Plates are lifting due to several missing and damaged bolts.

Risk level: Medium

Risk score: 10

Finding Photos



Maintenance Finding

Description

Fixtures loose or missing.

Tasks

Tighten/replace.

Note

Loose and missing bolts.

Risk level: Medium

Risk score: 10

Finding Photos





Primary Items

Maintenance Finding

Description

Paintwork is in poor condition.

Tasks

De-scale back to good base material and coat with lead free paint, using appropriate precautions. Repairs may be necessary where corrosion is severe.

Risk level: Low

Risk score: 5

Finding Photos



Primary Items

Climber - Crow's Nest

Manufactured by Proludic Ltd







Standards:

EN 1176-1:2017+A1:2023

The surfacing meets with the requirements of the relevant standards. The item is not compliant with the requirements of the relevant standards for the following reasons:

Equipment Standard Compliance Findings
1. The design of the top of the barrier encourages children to stand or sit on them.

The item has the following maintenance findings:
1. Fixtures loose or missing.
2. Item is cracked.

Primary Items

Standard Compliance Finding

Description

The design of the top of the barrier encourages children to stand or sit on them.

Tasks

No reasonably practicable action is identified.

Risk level: Low

Risk score: 6

Finding Photos



Maintenance Finding

Description

Fixtures loose or missing.

Tasks

Tighten/replace.

Note

Rope and platform connectors.
Dismantle rusting bolts and check for corrosion, if found replace.
Cap/s are missing allowing water ingress into the frame and fixtures. Replace.

Risk level: Medium

Risk score: 9

Finding Photos







Primary Items



Maintenance Finding

Description

Item is cracked.

Tasks

Read the notes for further action.

Note

Laminate support. Monitor closely for stability.

Risk level: Low

Risk score: 7

Finding Photos



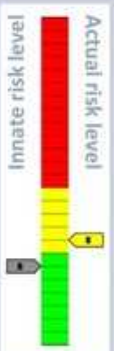


Primary Items

Space Net - Central Post

Manufactured by HAGS SMP





Risk level:
Medium

Potential risk score reduction:
2

Remedial tasks:
2



Surface: Rubber - Mulch - Bonded

Standards:

EN 1176-11:2014, EN 1176-1:2017+A1:2023

The item and its surfacing (where applicable) meet with the requirements of the relevant standards.

Maintenance Finding

Description

The tiles are easily lifted.

Tasks

Fix firmly to prevent lifting.

Note

Anchor point tiles. Allows users potential access into fixing points.

Risk level:
Medium

Risk score:
8

Finding Photos



Primary Items

Maintenance Finding

Description

Additional comments are noted below.

Tasks

Read the notes for further action.

Note

Ropes are starting to untangle, creating potential entrapments. Repair as necessary.

Risk level: Low

Risk score: 4

Finding Photos



Primary Items

Multiplay

Manufactured by HAGS SMP







Standards:

EN 1176-1:2017+A1:2023

The surfacing meets with the requirements of the relevant standards. The item is not compliant with the requirements of the relevant standards for the following reasons:

Equipment Standard Compliance Findings
1. Finger entrapment.

The item has the following maintenance findings:
1. Item is not secure.
2. Item is damaged.
3. The slide is dented and should be monitored for significant deterioration, such as cracking or corrosion.
4. There is wear on the platform.
5. Paintwork is in poor condition.
6. Chain covers prevent a thorough inspection of all chain links.

Primary Items

Standard Compliance Finding

Description

Finger entrapment.

Tasks

Eliminate the entrapment.

Note

Due to recent weather conditions the platform gaps are 8 mm, allowing access of the finger probe.

Risk level: Low

Risk score: 6

Finding Photos





Maintenance Finding

Description

Item is not secure.

Tasks

Secure.

Note

Tower supports are loose in post shoes allowing the unit to rock. Secure.
Barrier bolts loose. Secure.
Fireman's pole loose. Secure.

Risk level: Medium

Risk score: 10

Finding Photos







Primary Items



Maintenance Finding

Description

Item is damaged.

Tasks

Repair.

Note

Damaged. Loose and rusted barrier/rails. Repair.

Risk level: Medium

Risk score: 8

Finding Photos









Primary Items

Maintenance Finding

Description

The slide is dented and should be monitored for significant deterioration, such as cracking or corrosion.

Tasks

Monitor for significant deterioration and replace or repairs as necessary.

Risk level: Low

Risk score: 5

Finding Photos



Maintenance Finding

Description

There is wear on the platform.

Tasks

Repair.

Risk level: Low

Risk score: 5

Finding Photos





Primary Items

Maintenance Finding

Description

Paintwork is in poor condition.

Tasks

De-scale back to good base material and coat with lead free paint, using appropriate precautions. Repairs may be necessary where corrosion is severe.

Note

Roof brackets and frames.

Risk level: Low

Risk score: 5

Finding Photos





Maintenance Finding

Description

Chain covers prevent a thorough inspection of all chain links.

Tasks

Remove chain covers to inspect according to manufacturer's instructions, and replace the covers when done.

Risk level: Low

Risk score: 4

Finding Photos



Primary Items

Rocker - Sweeping Seesaw - Gyro Spiral

Manufactured by HAGS SMP







Surface: Rubber - Mulch - Bonded

Standards:

EN 1176-1:2017+A1:2023, EN 1176-6:2017

The item and its surfacing (where applicable) meet with the requirements of the relevant standards.

Primary Items

Maintenance Finding

Description

The supporting components should be dismantled and inspected according to the manufacturer's instructions. This will need doing on a regular basis, as defined by the manufacturer. This can lead to a high risk if no action is taken.

Risk level: Medium

Risk score: 10

Tasks

Dismantle and inspect according to manufacturer's instructions.

Note

Asset very stiff to rotate with loose/missing parts. Dismantle unit and refer to manufacturer. Limits play value.

Finding Photos



Maintenance Finding

Description

Paintwork is in poor condition.

Risk level: Low

Risk score: 5

Tasks

De-scale back to good base material and coat with lead free paint, using appropriate precautions. Repairs may be necessary where corrosion is severe.

Note

Descale and monitor for potential cracking.

Finding Photos



Primary Items

Swing - Mixed - 2 Bay 1 Basket 2 Junior Seat

Manufactured by HAGS SMP







Standards:

EN 1176-1:2017+A1:2023, EN 1176-2:2017

The item and its surfacing (where applicable) meet with the requirements of the relevant standards.

Primary Items

Maintenance Finding

Description

Some chain wear.

Tasks

Monitor for further deterioration and replace before 40% wear.

Note

Replace worn and notched links.
Wear starting on top connectors.

Risk level: Medium

Risk score: 8

Finding Photos





Maintenance Finding

Description

Loose swing seat eye-bolts.

Tasks

Tighten connecting nuts.

Note

Very loose eye bolts on basket.

Risk level: Medium

Risk score: 8

Finding Photos



Primary Items

Maintenance Finding

Description

Fixtures loose or missing.

Tasks

Tighten.

Note

Framework and top bar bolts.

Risk level: Medium

Risk score: 8

Finding Photos





Maintenance Finding

Description

The swing seat has been damaged, but does not require immediate replacement.

Tasks

Monitor and replace when hard material is exposed.

Note

Damage to junior seat.

Risk level: Low

Risk score: 7

Finding Photos



Primary Items

Maintenance Finding

Description

Chains are twisted.

Tasks

Untwist the chains to prolong their life and check for wear.

Note

The twisting of chains will accelerate wear.

Risk level: Low

Risk score: 7

Finding Photos



Maintenance Finding

Description

Paintwork is in poor condition.

Tasks

De-scale back to good base material and coat with lead free paint, using appropriate precautions. Repairs may be necessary where corrosion is severe.

Risk level: Low

Risk score: 6

Finding Photos



Primary Items

Maintenance Finding

Description

There are splinters or the potential for splinters.

Tasks

Sand the timber down to remove the splinters and/or the places liable to give splinters.

Risk level: Low

Risk score: 6

Finding Photos



Maintenance Finding

Description

Moving parts require greasing.

Tasks

Apply lubricant according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Risk level: Low

Risk score: 4

Finding Photos



General Notes

The risk scores are calculated by plotting the likelihood of harm against the severity of the injury sustained. The likelihood is given a score of 1 to 5, and the severity is given a score of 1 to 5. In doing this a matrix is produced which gives a numerical assessment of the risk on a score of 1 to 25, and a judgement is made as to which risks are low, which are medium and which are high. Risk scores may be adjusted in the light of experience and therefore may not be exactly as per the table. For example, a score of 7 may be noted.

Risks are calculated in this way:

1. An assessment of the likelihood of harm taking place is made using the numbers 1 to 5, by following these descriptions:
    a. 1 = Rare
    b. 2 = Unlikely
    c. 3 = Moderate
    d. 4 = Likely
    e. 5 = Certain
2. An assessment of the severity of the injury sustained is made using the numbers 1 to 5, by following these descriptions:
    a. 1 = Insignificant
    b. 2 = Minor
    c. 3 = Moderate
    d. 4 = Major
    e. 5 = Catastrophic
3. The two numbers are multiplied to give a risk score on a scale of 1 to 25.
4. Scores of 1 to 7 inclusive are considered to be low risk and are considered to be tolerable where this is the innate risk of the item, but where remedial works are identified these should be undertaken,
5. Scores of 8 to 12 are considered to be medium risk and some control measures may be identified to reduce the risks to low, tolerable levels,
6. Score of 13 and above are considered to be high risk and urgent action is considered to be necessary to reduce the risks to tolerable levels.

General Notes

It is important to note that where an outcome is catastrophic, but for which the likelihood is rare this will present a score of 1 x 5 = 5 = low risk. Similarly, a certain event for which the consequence is insignificant will present a score of 5 x 1 = 5 = low risk. It is important to consider likelihood and consequence, and not just one of the factors in isolation.

The multiplication of the factors into a risk matrix is given here in Table 1, with a judgement made as to risk scoring indicated by colour.

Green = LOW risk, Amber = MEDIUM risk, Red = HIGH risk.

Table 1 – Risk Score Matrix

		Severity				
Likelihood		1 Insignifi-cant	2 Minor	3 Moderate	4 Major	5 Catastro-phic
	1 = Rare	1 LOW	2 LOW	3 LOW	4 LOW	5 LOW
	2 = Unlikely	2 LOW	4 LOW	6 LOW	8 MEDIUM	10 MEDIUM
	3 = Moderate	3 LOW	6 LOW	9 MEDIUM	12 MEDIUM	15 HIGH
	4 = Likely	4 LOW	8 MEDIUM	12 MEDIUM	16 HIGH	20 HIGH
	5 = Certain	5 LOW	10 MEDIUM	15 HIGH	20 HIGH	25 HIGH

General Notes

Inspection Scope
The inspections are undertaken using the RPII's inspection scope.

Compliance with Standards
Inspections are undertaken with reference to the appropriate standards, which are listed next to each item. Compliance with these standards is not mandatory in law, but it is useful to know whether items comply or not. If we think a change is needed, then this is noted in our report. Non-compliance does not necessarily mean that a change is needed. Where a standard is undated the current version is applied, unless overlap periods are allowed by the standards committee at the time of update. The information provided herein is to assist the owner/operator to fulfil its responsibilities as detailed in the relevant standards. Other standards referenced within the listed standards do not form part of this inspection, unless they are also explicitly listed here.

The listed standards are relevant to all installations of equipment which are publicly accessible, including public parks, pay to play parks, schools, nurseries, public houses, holiday parks, indoor play centres, farm parks and the like. All equipment used in publicly accessible areas should meet with the requirements of the relevant listed standard.

Additionally, EN 1176-7 provides guidance on installation, inspection, maintenance and operation to owners/operators of equipment and ancillary items. In the United Kingdom the National Foreword forms an important part to the understanding and implementation of the recommendations set out in EN 1176-7. It clarifies the application of the document within the UK as best practice guidance, as the document has been used since its initial publication. Therefore the EN 1176-7 contains no requirement in the UK and needs to be read and implemented as guidance, with the use of the terms 'shall' therefore becoming a recommendation, as in the term 'should'.

Domestic equipment falls outside the scope of standards for publicly accessible spaces. Domestic play equipment has its own standard (BS EN 71 – Safety of Toys). Where domestic equipment can be identified this will be acknowledged in the report, but compliance may be assessed to the applicable standard relating to publicly accessible equipment.

When water play items, including spray parks, are inspected any comments concerning compliance within the inspection will refer to EN 1176. We have not assessed these against the requirements of EN 17232 (Water play equipment and features).

Compliance with standards is not always a clear-cut thing. Some interpretation can be needed, and our interpretation may differ from the interpretation of others. In some cases, we may decide not to note non-compliance in cases where we think it may mislead or be unhelpful so to do.

General Notes

What We Inspect
Annual and Post Installation inspections will take into consideration compliance with current standards and defects related to wear and vandalism. Items not listed in the report have not been included in the inspection. The inspection will cover the playground equipment and the active area (that area which is obviously part of the playground), nominally up to 3.0 metres around, the fence line if closer, or other areas as agreed.

Operational inspections only take into consideration defects related to cleanliness, equipment ground clearances, ground surface finishes, exposed foundations, sharp edges, missing parts, excessive wear (of moving parts), structural integrity, wear and vandalism. Routine visual inspections (if undertaken) relate only to the most obvious defects such as broken or missing parts, vandalism and issues created by severe weather conditions (the intention is to identify hazards created by storm damage).
The inspection is non-dismantling, non-destructive and does not include any structural, toxicology or impact assessments defined in the standard; however, the inspector will undertake a manual test for stability and if equipment fails under manual load, or any other hazard is identified as an unacceptable risk, the owner/operator will be notified as soon as practicably possible.

The inspector will access all reasonably accessible equipment and will assess all reasonably accessible parts above the standing surface. Where it is not possible to access parts of the equipment without employing an alternative means of access the report will record the action required by the owner/operator to ensure the continued safe use of the equipment. Ancillary equipment will be assessed using the inspector's knowledge and experience of the standards named in this document to ensure as far as is reasonably practicable the continued safe use of the items concerned. The owner/operator is responsible for the overall safety of the equipment and area. Inspectors who are trained to use ladders may use them where it is safe to do so, but if members of the public are present on site ladders may not be used to access the equipment.

What We Don't Inspect
The inspector will not undertake any of the following works unless specifically agreed in writing at the time of order:
Checking the depth and underlying structural integrity of any surface areas and/or carrying out any testing of impact absorbing properties of any surfaces. The identification of any corrosion, rot or other deterioration in any apparatus or equipment other than by an external inspection or the inspection of any equipment (or part thereof) that is underground or beneath the playing surface. Tightening any bolts, hinges or other fixing devices on any apparatus or equipment. Assessing or inspecting any electrical installations contained on any site and/or apparatus and/or equipment. Assessing or inspecting any water supplies and/or water features and/or any associated computerised systems (including carrying out any programming).

General Notes

The owner/operator should have a 'design risk assessment' provided by the manufacturer/designer of the area for the equipment and location in which the facility is installed.
We have inspected without dismantling or destruction and so some aspects of the relevant standards may not be testable on site.
The operator is responsible for managing risks of their provision and is required by law to carry out a 'suitable and sufficient assessment' of the risks associated with a site or activity and this inspection shall be considered as contributing to the operator's discharge of this responsibility.

Exposure to Risk
Exposure to acceptable levels of risk and challenge is essential to children's development and allows them to exercise their right to play. Therefore, it can be judged that levels of risk above low risk can be acceptable. The risk scores shown allow the operator to make a judgement after first considering the benefit of the activity to which the risk score relates.

Ownership
There may be cases where we report issues that are not the site owner's responsibility. It is not necessarily possible for us to determine who owns what, and in any case we need to bring all risks to your attention if they can affect the safety of the site's users.

Contemporaneous Findings
Our report shows the findings at the time of inspection. Subsequent events may affect the condition of the site. Suggested remedial actions are based upon our knowledge and experience. The owner/operator should seek the advice of the manufacturer or a competent person when undertaking repairs and/or modifications to equipment.

Timber
Where timbers are set into the ground it is not always possible to determine levels of decay. The owner/operator should ensure it conducts appropriate inspections to identify decay before it becomes a problem.
We can undertake more in-depth testing of your playground timbers using resistance penetration.
Timber is known to decay from the inside out. This makes it very important that you ensure proper testing and inspection is undertaken of your playground timbers, especially where defects may be hidden inside the structures. Testing using resistance penetration can help to identify defects before they become outwardly apparent, but can also confirm the condition of good timbers to prevent premature replacement with its associated costs.
The testing is undertaken using a specialist machine, which uses electronically controlled drill resistance measurement. The drill is fine enough that it does not cause permanent damage to reduce the lifespan of the equipment.
Please contact us for pricing and further information.

Planting and Trees
Where planting or trees are mentioned in our report, please be advised that we do not undertake any arboricultural, horticultural or toxicological assessment of suitability or condition. You must ensure you undertake suitable inspections from an appropriate expert.

General Notes

How This Inspection Contributes to Your Annual Main Inspection

The owner/operator is responsible for following the guidance of the relevant standards. The standards give guidance on the installation, inspection, maintenance and operation of the various types of facility. The inspection guidance is listed in Table 1, with an indication of which parts will be included in your RoSPA inspection [the items in the first column are the items which comprise an "Annual Main Inspection", the second column shows which elements form part of a RoSPA inspection, items with a cross are not included, some items may have limitations as shown in the notes to the Table 1). The standards also contain additional parts which the owner/operator should follow.

Table 1

Inspection Recommendations of relevant standards These form the Annual Main Inspection	Included in RoSPA Inspection?
6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of equipment (see note 1)	✓ [1]
6.1 d) Overall levels of safety of foundations (see note 1)	✓ [1]
6.2 d) Overall levels of safety of playing surfaces (see note 2)	✓ [2]
6.1 d) Compliance with the relevant parts of the standard and or risk assessment (see note 3)	✓ [3]
6.1 d) Effects of weather	✓
6.1 d) Presence of rot, decay or corrosion (see note 1)	✓ [1]
6.1 d) Assessment of repairs made or added or replaced components (see note 4)	✓ [4]
6.1 d) Excavation or dismantling/additional measures	×
6.2.1 Assessment of glass reinforced plastics (see note 5)	✓ [5]
6.2.1 Inspection of one post equipment (see note 1)	✓ [1]
6.2.4 Undertaking the Operators inspection protocol	✓
6.2 c) Presence of rot or corrosion (see note 2)	✓ [2]
6.2 c) Assessment of repairs made/added or replaced components (see note 5)	×
N.B. The clause numbers above are taken from BS EN 1176-7:2020. The content is equally applicable to all other relevant standards. Playgrounds contains a range of equipment from different manufacturers and installed over a number of years; operators should implement any guidance provided by the manufacturer. Item specific detail is not readily available to RPII Playground Inspectors, whose report contributes to the operator's overall Annual Main Inspection as details in the relevant standard. Notes [1] A manual test only is undertaken for stability. Wear and instability are only detectable where readily apparent without dismantling or destruction and without the use of tools, excavation or specialist equipment. Rot and corrosion are tested for with a hammer and/or steel rod. Decay in timber may exist which can only be found with specialist equipment. We therefore cannot be held responsible for the presence of such decay. [2] Only the visible condition and dimensional compliance of surface extent is considered. Neither testing of impact attenuating properties nor measurement of the thickness of bound surfaces are undertaken on annual inspections. We can conduct impact testing for additional fees. [3] The inspection assesses compliance where this can be tested on site using manual methods without dismantling, destruction and without the use of tools or specialist equipment [4] The operator should use manufacturer's recommended parts, or equivalent. We are unable to verify if such parts have been used, and any subsequent change in quality or performance [5] Visible glass fibres will be noted in reports. The operator is responsible for repairs or replacement.	

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PROTECTION AGAINST INJURIES IN THE FREE SPACE
* No obstacles in the minimum space (other than structures to assist or safeguard the user)
* Traffic flows should not go through the minimum space

PROTECTION AGAINST INJURIES IN THE FALLING SPACE
* Free height of fall should not exceed 3m * No obstacles in the falling space * Platforms with fall heights of more than 1m between them require surfacing

PROTECTION AGAINST INJURIES DUE TO OTHER TYPES OF MOVEMENT
* No unexpected obstacles

SURFACING SAFETY REQUIREMENTS
* Surfacing should have no sharp edges or protrusions * Loose fills should be 100mm more than the depth required to meet the HIC reading (usually total 300mm up to 2m, and 400mm up to 3m) * Hard surfaces should only be used outside where children fall * Testable Impact absorbing surfaces if falls over 600mm are possible. Good turf may be used up to 1.5m

DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE
* The equipment must be suitable for the user and risks should be identifiable by the child * Accessibility: adults must be able to gain access to help children * Grip requirements: permitted diameter 16 - 45mm (e.g. overhead bars) * Grasp requirements: maximum diameter 60mm (e.g. handrails on steps)
* Requirements for easily accessible equipment

FINISHING
* Timber species and synthetics should be splinter resistant * No protrusions or sharp-edged components * Bolts should not protrude by more than 8mm * Corners, edges or projecting parts over 8mm should have a 3mm radius. * No hard and sharp-edged parts (e.g. razor blade effect caused by sheet steel) * No crushing or shearing points
* Connections should not come loose by themselves and should resist removal. * Timber connections should not rely solely on screws or nails. * Leaking lubricants should not stain or impair the safety of the equipment

FIBRE ROPES
* Conform to EN 701 or 919 or have a material and load certificate
* Ropes used by hands shall have a soft, non-slip covering

WIRE ROPES
* Non-rotating and corrosion resistant with no splayed wires outside the ferrule * Wire connector clip threads should protrude less than 8mm * Turnbuckles should be enclosed, have a loop at each end and be secured

CHAINS
* Maximum opening of individual links: 8.6mm in any one direction.
* Connecting links between chains must be less than 8.6mm or over 12mm

SWINGING SUSPENDED ROPES
* Not combined with swings in the same bay * Less than 2m long: over 600mm from static parts; over 900mm from swinging parts * 2m - 4m long: over 1000mm from anything * Diameter: 25 - 45mm

CLIMBING ROPES
* Anchored at both ends and movement less than 20% of rope length
* Single climbing rope diameter: 18 - 45mm (nets comply with Grip requirements)

ENTRAPMENTS
* Entrapment: a place from which children cannot extricate themselves unaided There are six probes: the Torso Probe, the Large Head Probe, The Small Head probe, the Wedge Probe and the two Finger Rods. There is a toggle test to reduce the dangers of clothing toggles being caught on slides, fireman's poles and roofs, and a ring gauge to test for rocker hand/foot rest protrusions.

BRIDGES
* The space between the flexible bridge and rigid sides should be not less than 230mm

ENTRAPMENT OF FEET AND LEGS
* Inclined planes (not suspension bridges) less than 38° should have no gaps over 30mm
* There are no requirements for suspension bridge gaps other than the main entrapment requirements

FINGER ENTRAPMENTS
These occur in: 1. gaps where child's movement may cause a finger to become stuck; 2. open-ended tubes; 3. moving gaps
* Tube ends should be securely enclosed and removable only with tools
* Moving gaps should not close to less than 12mm

BARRIERS AND GUARD-RAILS
* Handrail: a rail to help the child balance * Guard-rail: a rail to prevent children falling * Barrier: a guard-rail with non-climbable in-fill

HAND-RAILS
* Where required they should be between 600 and 850mm above the standing surface

EASILY ACCESSIBLE EQUIPMENT
* Platforms over 600mm require a barrier with a minimum height of 700mm high + impact absorbing surfacing

NOT EASILY ACCESSIBLE EQUIPMENT
* Platforms up to 1000mm: No barriers or guard-rails required + impact absorbing surface over * Platforms 1000-2000mm: 600 - 850mm high guard-rail + impact absorbing surfacing * Platforms 2000-3000mm: 700mm high barrier + impact absorbing surfacing * No bars, infills or steps which can be used as steps. Tops should discourage standing or sitting

MEANS OF ACCESS
All means of access should have no entrapments; be securely fixed; be level to ± 3°(ramps across width) and have a constant angle. It does not refer to agility equipment used as an access i.e. arched climbers, scramble nets. There are specific measurements for ladders, stairs and ramps.

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Giant revolving discs
* Clearance of underside at lowest point: 300mm in loose-fill, 400 mm for synthetic * Max. platform height: 1m * Free space: 3m * Upper surface should be continuous, smooth and with no handles or grips * Underside should be continuous, smooth and without any radial variations (i.e. spokes) or indentations

MINIMUM SPACE
* Free space: Horizontal: 2m all round * Vertical head clearance from platform: sitting 1.5m ; standing 1.8m * Small rotating items under 500mm diameter are excluded,

SURFACING REQUIREMENTS
* There are no special extra requirements for surfacing areas * Surfaces should be continuous underneath and level

ROCKING ITEMS

DEFINITIONS
* Rocking equipment which can be moved by the user and is supported from below
* Damping: any movement restricting device. (N.B. Springs are treated as self-damping)

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS
* Throughout the range of movement gaps in all accessible joints should be under 12mm * Progressive restraint at extremity of movement is required * Foot rests should be provided where the ground clearance is less than 230mm * Hand grips should be provided for each seat or standing position
* Foot rests and hand grips should be firmly fixed and non-rotating * Hand grip diameter: 16 - 45mm (for toddler items: 30mm maximum) * Right -angled corners on moving equipment should be 20mm radius min. (e.g. a bird's beak)

MINIMUM SPACE
* 1000mm between items at maximum movement.

SURFACING REQUIREMENTS
* Minimum 1000 mm for springers, except if standing is allowed in which case 1500 mm * 1500 mm minimum for type 1.

INSTALLATION, INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION

SAFETY
* Appropriate safety systems must be established by the operator * No access should be allowed to unsafe equipment or areas * Records should be kept by the playground operator * Effectiveness of safety measures should be assessed annually * Signs should be provided giving owner details and emergency service contact points * Entrances for emergency services should be freely accessible
* Information on accidents should be kept
* Staff and users should be safe during maintenance operations

INSPECTION
* Manufacturers will recommend the inspection frequency although some sites may need a daily check

Frequency
Routine visual inspections: identification of hazards from vandalism, use or weather conditions (RoSPA recommends a recorded daily or weekly inspection) Operational inspection: every 1 -3 months or as recommended. Checks operation, stability, wear etc. Annual main inspection: checks long-term levels of safety
* An inspection schedule should be prepared for each playground, listing components and methods
* Appropriate action should be taken if defects are noted

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE
* Basic routine maintenance details should be supplied by the manufacturer

CORRECTIVE MAINTENANCE
* This covers remedial work and repairs as required * Alterations should only be carried out after consultation & agreement with the supplier or a competent person

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