

Compliant with the Current Playground Safety Law in California?

What to Know about Hiring Playground Safety Inspectors

Are you a municipal playground owner, homeowners association, a church or synagogue, a day care operator? Did you know you are considered a public playground according to the definition of public playgrounds in the state regulations?

Do you have a copy of the current regulations governing public playground?

If not visit: <http://www.cprs.org/pdf/>

[CaliforniaPlaygroundSafetyRegulations.pdf](http://www.cprs.org/pdf/CaliforniaPlaygroundSafetyRegulations.pdf). These regulations tell you what national guidelines to follow to meet compliance with CA's playground safety law. Guidelines state many items and one of them is that every public playground must have an inspection done by a Certified Playground Safety Inspector (CPSI). The inspectors' role is to audit/inspect your playground and inform you of compliance or non-compliance only. You then decide to receive recommendations from an inspector or perhaps the equipment manufacturer on how to retrofit for compliance. There are no regulations on the type of service performed or the forms they use to inspect. We do however have a forms to share developed by a veteran inspector, David Spease and recommended by the CPRS Playground Safety Committee that fits most inspection situations.

Our website page is very informative and can provide other resources for you to know. Please visit <http://www.cprs.org/training-state.htm> to help guide you with playground compliance.

CPRS hosts the playground safety course and exam created by the National Playground Safety Institute. For the current schedule of course in CA, please visit <http://www.cprs.org/training-playground.htm>. Additional information might be available by contacting your insurance carrier .

Some help!

Below are some questions to ask before engaging an inspector's services or agreeing to inspect for compliance, developed by the CPRS Playground Safety Committee.

(Note: Make sure the playground owner/provider and inspector fully understands the reporting process or any potential additional inspections that may be required)

Playground Safety Pre-Inspection Questionnaire

1. What age group uses the playground?
2. Is there any other group that uses the playground?
3. How many children use the playground?
4. Is the playground area supervised or unsupervised?
5. Are there any special needs requirements for your playground?
6. What type of agency are they?
7. What are the reasons or goals for having the playground area inspected?
 - a. insurance requirement
 - b. licensing requirement
 - c. accident
 - d. grant requirement
 - e. state regulation requirement
 - f. new construction
8. What date was the playground originally installed?
9. Who installed the playground?
10. Do you want your playground area inspected to meet Federal ADA compliance?
11. Any problematic areas that may need special attention?
12. Does the customer have a specific preference for reporting?
 - a. Initial written report?
 - b. Verbal report of issues so they can be repaired; written report after repairs are completed?
 - c. Full-blown audit?
 - d. cursory inspection?

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