



The Lee Wiggins Childcare Centre PLAYGROUND SAFETY POLICY

Playground Supervision

Full ratios must be maintained at all times when children are in the playground area. Childcare staff will be stationed throughout the playground area to ensure safe supervision of the children at all times (Supervision map is posted on the playground window). Age appropriate activities will be planned for all children.

Outdoor Activities

Scheduled outdoor activities which enhance the outdoor program will continue to be included program plans and posted in the classroom.

Daily Inspections

Staff will be responsible for playground inspections on a daily basis as they set up the playground. Staff who sets up the playground will initial the "Daily Playground Checklist" to indicate that it has been inspected and determined safe.

Due to weather conditions, wind, rain, smog and the temperature will determine if we go outdoors. An awning is used for additional shade.

Indoor gross motor will be planned in the event we cannot go outdoors. The activities will be based on the children's interest.

Note: Staff will determine that the playground is safe to the best of their ability, and it recognized that the LWCC staff are not professional certified playground safety inspectors.

Monthly Inspections

Staff will conduct an inspection of the playground every month's end and will document that inspection in the "Monthly Maintenance Checklist" found in the playground binder.

Seasonal Inspections

Conducted and documented quarterly in the "Seasonal Maintenance Checklist" found in the playground binder.

Annual Inspections

An Annual inspection of the playground will be conducted by a Certified Playground Safety Inspector in the summer of every calendar year. The Coordinator will be responsible to ensure that these visits are scheduled and that all information is relayed to the Board of Directors at the next Board meeting and the report is sent to the city.



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Maintenance and Repairs

The Coordinator will be responsible to ensure all repairs are carried out as per the recommendations of the Certified Safety Inspector and reported to the Board of Directors in the monthly report. All repairs and renovations will be noted in the playground binder.

Playground Injury Reports

Staff will continue to document any injuries on the playground on a "Playground Accident Report" and submit it to the office for the Coordinators signature. These reports will remain in the playground binder separate from other injuries or incidents.

New Equipment Repairs

All new equipment, renovations and repairs will be installed to meet Canadian Standards Act (CSA) standards. Confirmation will be kept in the playground binder, verifying that all changes meet the Standard and are verified in writing by a Certified Playground Safety Inspector.

Staff Policy Review

All staff will be required to review the playground binder on an annual basis and sign indicating that they have read the policy. This will commence September 29, 1999.

A copy of the Playground Safety Policy will be included I the Parent Handbook as well as in the Staff Handbook.