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# PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORT





# **CLIENT INFORMATION**

Agency Requesting Inspection:	Municipality of Middlesex Centre
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Site Location Address:	Bryanston School Park - 15237 Thirteen Mile Rd, Bryanston, Ontario, NOM 2A0
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Report:	Annual comprehensive

Inspector: <u>Dave Jackson, CCPI, CPSI</u> General Information:

# SITE CONDITIONS

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Date:	March 25th,	, 2025			Weather:	Cloudy		
Time:	8:50am				Temperature:	0°	Celsius	
Access:	General				Pathways:	Asphalt		
Fencing:	Chain link				Lighting:	On building		
Location:	School yard			_	 Owner/Operator Signage:	Present		
Stree	et Furniture:	Bench						
Build	ing Fixtures:	None found						<u>_</u>
	Landscape:	Memorial bou	ılder, tenn	is courts, ma	ature trees			_
F	Proximity to:	Street:	100m	Residences	:: N/A Care	giver Building:	N/A	_

#### PROTECTIVE SURFACING INFORMATION

Size/Area: Structure - 13m x 9.15m Material: Pea stone

Swings - 24.5m x 10.5m

Retaining wall / excavated pit: Wood/poly retainers Surface condition: Fair

Depth Tests: Test # 17 Structure N/A Location: **Swings** 

AVG DEPTH OF PROTECTIVE SURFACE: 16.00 cm

Surface Temperature: 0° Celsius Drainage: Appears adequate

Contamination: None found Most recent top up: Unknown Compaction: None found Exposed footings / bases / other: NO Most recent roto-till: Unknown

Surface Impact Attenuation Test Performed: YES

270cm 325cm Maximum CSA Fall Height: Maximum Height of Equipment:

## **EQUIPMENT INFORMATION**

Equipment type	Manufacturer + Contact Information	Model / Order #	Date of MFG	MFG	A.A
Playstructure	PlayPower LT - 800-265-9953	PB-110110968	2001	Present	None found
Swings	APE - 800-463-2361	None found	None found	Incomplete	None found

Colours: Tan, green, red, black, stainless Evidence of Retrofit: No

CSA Standard Edition: 1998 Additional Information:

Slide: Poly Supports: Steel Guardrails/barriers: Steel / poly Platform: Plastisol Materials:

## **SITE INVENTORY**

Playstructure	PLATFORM HEIGHT	CONDITION
1 x stairs closed	0cm - 95cm	Compliant
1 x switchback climber	95cm	Compliant
1 x dual slide	95cm	Non-compliant





# **SITE INVENTORY**

Playstructure	PLATFORM HEIGHT	
1 x crawl tunnel	95cm - 95cm	Compliant
1 x steering wheel	95cm	Compliant
1 x rung ladder	95cm	Non-compliant
1 x arch rung climber	130cm	Non-compliant
1 x wave slide	130cm	Compliant
1 x access component	130cm - 175cm	Compliant
1 x corkscrew climber	175cm	Compliant
1 x wave slide	175cm	Compliant
1 x counter top panel	Ground level	Non-compliant





Swing set	<b>MEASUREMENTS</b>	CONDITION
1 x 3-leg 3-bay swing set - 4 x belt, 2 x tot	PP = 270cm Y = 220cm	Compliant





## **ISSUES OF NON-COMPLIANCE**



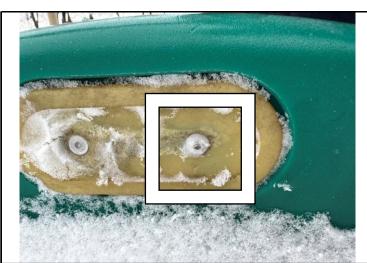
## Clause 3

Trip Hazard - An abrupt change in elevation that is not clear and obvious to the user.

## Priority #3

Poly retainer (adjacent to swing set) - Sections of poly retainer present at swing set creating a trip hazard.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Remove remaining sections of the poly retainer.** 



## Clause 12.3.1.1

There shall be no accessible sharp points or sharp edges.

# Priority #3

Dual slide hood (95cm platform) - Little tikes label missing, exposed bolt end creating a sharp point.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Replace the missing label, OR, grind down the exposed bolt end to eliminate the presence of a sharp point.



#### Clause 12.4.1

In areas of uncontrolled motion(eg., slide or sliding pole) there shall be no entanglement hazards that can entangle drawstrings or other clothing.

# Priority # 1

Dual slide (95cm platform) left side - Toggle/cord of testing device caught between slide and platform.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Install silicone, caulking or mouldable glue (or similar) to prevent the cord/toggle from becoming caught.

## **ISSUES OF NON-COMPLIANCE**



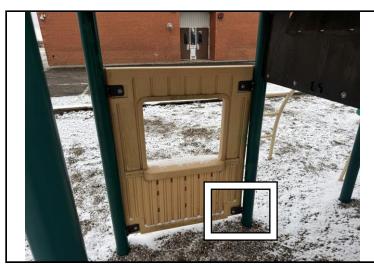
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## Priority # 1

Dual slide (95cm platform) both sides - Toggle/cord of testing device caught on both slides between support and TOP of slide hood.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Install component that prevents the toggle from becoming caught between the slide hood and support. Repair on both sides of the slide hood.



## Clause 7.8.1

Fastesners, connecting, and convering devices shall not loosen or shall not be removable without the use of tools. Lock washers, self-locking nuts, or other locking means shall be provided for all nuts and bolts. Hardware in moving joints shall also be sercured from unintentional loosening.

## Priority #3

Countertop panel - Loose hardware.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Tighten the hardware as soon as possible.



#### Clause 11.4.1

All repairs shall comply with this Standard. When a defect is observed, it shall be immediately reported and repaired. Details of the defect or problem and remedial action shall be recorded. If the repair takes time, all reasonable steps shall be taken to restrict access. Warning or danger signs alone shall not be acceptable. Damaged or worn components shall be repaired or replaced in accordance with this Standard.

#### Priority #1

Poly arch component (above wave slide 130cm platform) - Missing hardware.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Contact the manufacturer to obtain the correct hardware for this component. Replace hardware as soon as possible.

## **ISSUES OF NON-COMPLIANCE**



#### Clause 12.3.3.1

There shall be no protrusion on any play structure that extends beyond the face of any of the three test gauges.

## Priority # 1

Poly arch component - exposed hardware creating protrusion hazard.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Replace hardware as soon as possible to eliminate the protrusion hazard.

### **RESULTS**

**PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT:** 

Non-compliant with CSA Z614:2020

**SURFACE IMPACT ATTENUATION:** 

Compliant with CSA Z614:2020

## **OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

# Equipment installed prior to latest version of CSA Z614

Playgrounds are required to comply with the Standard in place at the time of installation.

It is a good standard of care to maintain all playground equipment as per the new data presented in the most recent version of CSA Z614.

## Site furnishings

Site furnishings are not covered by the requirements of CSA Z614:2020 (Clause 1.8).

Objects and furnishings not primarily intended for play, such as fences, benches, tables, landscape elements, independent shade structures, borders intended to contain protective surfacing, and plant/natural materials are not covered.







### **OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **Wood retainer**

The wood retainer was demonstrating minor signs of deterioration at the time of inspection.

The wood retainer is not covered by the requirements of CSA Z614, however good practice suggests repairing damaged/deteriorating components as required to prevent the risk of equipment failure or injury to users.





#### Poly retainer

Sections of a poly retainer were present at the time of inspection (adjacent to swing set).

It appears that some sections of the retainer have been removed while other sections remain.

Though the retainer is not covered by the Standard, it is recommended that the remaining sections of poly retainer be removed as soon as possible.

#### Manufacturer and age appropriate labels

This play equipment was installed prior to 2014 when the labels became a requirement of CSA Z614:2020.

No safety risk is created by the absence of labels. No action required.

Contact the manufacturer should you wish to obtain updated labels for the equipment.

## Pea stone surfacing

Pea stone is a loose-fill surfacing system that is subject to displacement, compaction and shrinkage/contamination.

Redistribute pea stone surfacing material (during daily/weekly inspections) to high wear areas to maintain compliance (slide exits, stair/climber accesses, upper body equipment, swing bays, rotating equipment).

A lime stone screen can develop 5cm to 10cm below the surface which can impact the attenuation properties of the surface if general maintenance is not performed regularly (roto-till, rake, or similar device).

#### Age of equipment

The typical life span of a composite playstructure/play equipment is approximately 15 to 20 years.

The play equipment currently installed is 24 years old (installed in 2001).

This should be considered by the owner/operator when planning/budgeting for future upgrades or potential replacement.

# **Inspection summary**

Despite the age, the equipment and surfacing were in fair condition at the time of inspection.

Complete the repairs to address the issues of non-compliance listed above and prolong the life span of the equipment.

The pea stone surface demonstrated compliant impact test results, however a top-up and general maintenance (roto-till) is recommended be completed as soon as possible to improve the surface performance.

## **OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

## **Barrier panels (loose hardware)**

Several barrier panels were demonstrating minor play at their connections to the platform at the time of inspection. The components were stable, however it is recommended that all hardware be tightened as soon as possible to prevent unintentional loosening of the components.

The condition of all hardware should be monitored during daily/weekly inspections and tightened as required.





## Depth of surfacing material

As per table D.2 of CSA Z614:2020, 300mm (11.81") of 'washed, round, pea-type gravel' is recommended to be installed to provide adequate attenuation properties for the defined fall height of the play equipment. A top-up of pea stone surfacing will improve the performance of the surface.

Respectfully submitted,

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