



## Playground Safety Inspection Report

Member: River Falls

Inspection Date: 6-18-2024

## Playground Safety Inspection Report - River Falls (6-18-2024)

Outdoor Playground

Id   Location  
18048 Glen Park

Observation/Recommendation  
Protective Surface Material

Minimum required depths of loose-fill material needed based on material type and fall height. The depths shown assume the materials have been compressed due to use and weathering and are properly maintained to the given level  
CPSC 2.4.2.2

### Recommendation

Critical fall height to high for given surface material. A different surface material should be used and/or additional depth. Sand is being used as a surfacing material when the fall height is greater than 48 inches. According to the CPSC you are not allowed to use sand for a fall height greater than 48 inches. I am recommending based on the height of the equipment, that you replace the surfacing material.



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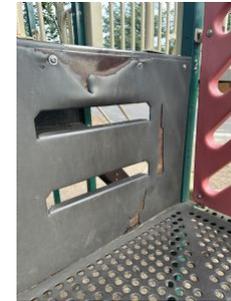
Id   Location  
18049 Glen Park

Observation/Recommendation  
Painted Surfaces

Metals not inherently corrosion resistant should be painted, galvanized, or otherwise treated to prevent rust. Paints and other finishes should be maintained to prevent rusting of exposed metals and to minimize children playing with peeling paint and paint flakes.  
CPSC 2.5.4

### Recommendation

All painted surfaces must be maintained in good condition to eliminate rusting and peeling paint.



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Id   Location  
18050 Glen Park

Observation/Recommendation  
Hardware

When installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, fasteners, connecting, and covering devices shall not loosen or be removable without the use of tools. Lock washers, self-locking nuts, or other locking means shall be provided for all nuts and bolts to protect them from detachment. Hardware in moving joints shall also be secured against unintentional loosening.

ASTM-F1487 4.2.2

### Recommendation

All hardware should be installed so that it will not loosen or can not be removed without the use of tools. The railing is loose and needs to be tightened.



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Id   Location  
18084 Glen Park

Observation/Recommendation  
Slides

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CPSC 5.3.6.5

### Recommendation

In addition to the use zone, there must be a clearance of 21 inches wide, for the entire length of the slide as measured from the inside face of the sidewall to the outer edge of the slide.



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<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18085	Glen Park	<p>Guardrails and Protective Barriers</p> <p>To prevent unintentional falls from the platform-except for entrance and exit openings, the maximum clearance opening without a top horizontal guardrail should be 15-inches.</p> <p>CPSC 5.1.3</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>Provide appropriate guardrail or barrier.</p>



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18086 Glen Park

Observation/Recommendation

Maintenance

Inspections alone do not constitute a comprehensive maintenance program. Any problems found during the inspection should be noted and fixed as soon as possible. All repairs and replacements of equipment parts should be completed following the manufacturer's instructions.

CPSC 4.2

### **Recommendation**

All hazards found during inspections should be eliminated as soon as possible. Repairs and replacements should also be documented. There is graffiti on the playground that should be removed.



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18087	Glen Park	<p>Hardware</p> <p>Moving suspended elements shall be connected to the fixed support with bearings or bearing surfaces that serve to reduce friction or wear. ASTM-F1487 4.2.3</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>The hardware is showing signs of friction and wear and it should be replaced. The coating on the hardware is wearing and is creating a pinch point.</p>



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18088 Glen Park

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Slides

All slides should have an exit region to help children maintain their balance and facilitate a smooth transition from sitting to standing when exiting. For preschool and school-age the chute exit region should: - Be at least 11 inches long. - Be no more than 11 inches above the protective surfacing if the slide is no greater than 4 feet high. - Be at least 7 inches but not more than 15 inches above the protective surfacing if the slide is over 4 feet high.  
CPSC 5.3.6.4

### Recommendation

The slide chute exit is too high above the protective surfacing material. The slide exit is 19 inches above the protective surfacing.



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18089 Glen Park

Observation/Recommendation

Hardware

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ASTM-F1487 4.2.2

**Recommendation**

All hardware should be installed so that it will not loosen or can not be removed without the use of tools. The pole is loose and moves easily in the ground.



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18090	Glen Park	<p>Entanglement</p> <p>Slides shall be constructed in such a manner as to provide a continuous sliding surface (roller slides exempted) and shall minimize the likelihood of entanglements. ASTM-F1487 6.4.1.2</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>The gap at the slide entrance presents an entanglement hazard.</p>



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18091 Glen Park

Observation/Recommendation  
Entrapment

Head and Neck Entrapment - Public playground equipment shall be designed and constructed or assembled so that any accessible opening shall meet the following performance requirements to reduce the risk of accidental head or neck entrapment by either a head-first or feet-first entry into the opening.  
ASTM-F1487 6.1

### Recommendation

This piece of equipment presents a head entrapment hazard. The equipment should be modified to eliminate the head entrapment hazard.



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18092	Glen Park	<p>Entanglement</p> <p>Slides shall be constructed in such a manner as to provide a continuous sliding surface (roller slides exempted) and shall minimize the likelihood of entanglements. ASTM-F1487 6.4.1.2</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>The gap at the slide entrance presents an entanglement hazard.</p>



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18093	Glen Park	Slides

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CPSC 5.3.6.5

### Recommendation

The use zone around the slide should be a minimum of 6 feet and must be filled with proper protective surfacing. Equipment is located within the slide use zone reducing the exit region to 5 feet 5 inches, instead of the required 6 feet.



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18094 Glen Park

Observation/Recommendation  
Protective Surface Material

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CPSC 2.4.2.2

### Recommendation

Critical fall height to high for given surface material. A different surface material should be used and/or additional depth. Sand is being used as a surfacing material when the fall height is greater than 48 inches. According to the CPSC you are not allowed to use sand for a fall height greater than 48 inches. I am recommending based on the height of the equipment, that you replace the surfacing material.



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18095	Glen Park	<p>Climbing Equipment</p> <p>The use zone should extend a minimum of 6 feet in all directions from the perimeter of the stand alone climber.</p> <p>CPSC 5.3.2.1.4</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>The use zone around the climber must be at least 6 feet and must be filled in with the proper depth of protective surfacing material.</p>



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18096 Glen Park

Observation/Recommendation  
Slides

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CPSC 5.3.6.4

### Recommendation

The toddler slide chute exit is too high above the protective surfacing material.



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18097 Glen Park

Observation/Recommendation

Entanglement

Entanglement - There shall be no entanglement hazards on public play equipment. Three test gages, a feeler gage, and the means to accurately measure a 0.12 inch extension are required to determine whether entanglement hazards exist.

ASTM-F1487 6.4

**Recommendation**

This is an entanglement hazard that could entangle a child's clothing and the child could get hung up from this hazard.



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18098	Glen Park	<p>Swings (Tot Swings)</p> <p>Full bucket seat swings should be suspended from structures that are separate from those for other swings, or at least suspended from a separate bay of the same structure. CPSC 5.3.8.3.2</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>Tot swings should be in a separate swing bay away from the to-for swings.</p>



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18099	Glen Park	<p>Hardware</p> <p>Moving suspended elements shall be connected to the fixed support with bearings or bearing surfaces that serve to reduce friction or wear. ASTM-F1487 4.2.3</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>The hardware is showing signs of friction and wear and it should be replaced.</p>



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18100	Glen Park	Protective Surface Material

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CPSC 2.4.2.2

### **Recommendation**

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18101	Glen Park	Concrete Footings - Exposed

All anchoring devices for playground equipment, such as concrete footings or horizontal bars at the bottom of flexible climbers, should be installed below ground level, beneath the base of the protective surfacing material. This will also prevent children from sustaining additional injuries from impact if they fall on exposed footings.

CPSC 3.6

### Recommendation

Play areas should be free of tripping hazards. The concrete footing presents a tripping hazard and also increases the risk of an impact hazard if a child falls onto the concrete footing. The proper amount of protective surfacing material must maintained over the concrete footings at all times.



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18102 Glen Park

Observation/Recommendation

Hardware

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ASTM-F1487 4.2.2

**Recommendation**

All hardware should be installed so that it will not loosen or can not be removed without the use of tools. The anchor for this footing appears loose and should be tightened.



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18103	Glen Park	Protective Surface Material

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CPSC 2.4.2.2

### Recommendation

The critical fall height is too high for the given surface material. A different surface material should be used and/or additional depth. Sand is being used as a surfacing material when the fall height is greater than 48 inches. According to the CPSC, you are not allowed to use sand for a fall height greater than 48 inches. I am recommending based on the height of the equipment, that you replace the surfacing material.



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18104 Glen Park

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Slides

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CPSC 5.3.6.4

### Recommendation

The slide chute exit is too high above the protective surfacing material.



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18105 Glen Park

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Slides

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CPSC 5.3.6.4

### Recommendation

The toddler slide chute exit is too high above the protective surfacing material. The slide exit is 14.5 inches.



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18106 Glen Park

Observation/Recommendation

Guardrails and Protective Barriers

Guardrails and protective barriers are used to minimize the likelihood of accidental falls from elevated platforms. Protective barriers provide greater protection than guardrails and should be designed to discourage children from climbing over or through the barrier. CPSC 5.1.3

### Recommendation

The guardrails and barriers should completely surround any elevated platforms except for the maximum of 15 inches that is needed to access play equipment.



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18107 Glen Park

Observation/Recommendation  
Entrapment

Head and Neck Entrapment - Public playground equipment shall be designed and constructed or assembled so that any accessible opening shall meet the following performance requirements to reduce the risk of accidental head or neck entrapment by either a head-first or feet-first entry into the opening.  
ASTM-F1487 6.1

### Recommendation

This piece of equipment presents a head entrapment hazard. The equipment should be modified to eliminate the head entrapment hazard.



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## Playground Safety Inspection Report - River Falls (6-18-2024)

### Outdoor Playground

<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18108	Glen Park	<p>Painted Surfaces</p> <p>Metals not inherently corrosion resistant should be painted, galvanized, or otherwise treated to prevent rust. Paints and other finishes should be maintained to prevent rusting of exposed metals and to minimize children playing with peeling paint and paint flakes. CPSC 2.5.4</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>All painted surfaces must be maintained in good condition to eliminate rusting and peeling paint.</p>



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<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18110	Brandans Park	Sharp Points, Corners or Edges  All metal edges should be rolled or have rounded capping. CPSC 3.4  <b>Recommendation</b>  Sharp points, corners, or edges on any part of the playground or playground equipment may cut or puncture a child's skin. Sharp edges can cause serious lacerations if protective measures are not taken. The link was cut off and needs to be removed to prevent a cut or injury.



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### Outdoor Playground

<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18111	Brandans Park	<p>Painted Surfaces</p> <p>Metals not inherently corrosion resistant should be painted, galvanized, or otherwise treated to prevent rust. Paints and other finishes should be maintained to prevent rusting of exposed metals and to minimize children playing with peeling paint and paint flakes. CPSC 2.5.4</p>



### **Recommendation**

All painted surfaces must be maintained in good condition to eliminate rusting and peeling paint.

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## Playground Safety Inspection Report - River Falls (6-18-2024)

### Outdoor Playground

Id   Location  
18112 Brandans Park

Observation/Recommendation

Protective Surface Material

Minimum required depths of loose-fill material needed based on material type and fall height. The depths shown assume the materials have been compressed due to use and weathering and are properly maintained to the given level

CPSC 2.4.2.2

**Recommendation**

Critical fall height too high for given surface material. A different surface material should be used and/or additional depth. Sand is being used as a surfacing material when the fall height is greater than 48 inches. According to the CPSC you are not allowed to use sand for a fall height greater than 48 inches. I am recommending based on the height of the equipment, that you replace the surfacing material.



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## Playground Safety Inspection Report - River Falls (6-18-2024)

Outdoor Playground

Id   Location  
18113 Hamilton Park

Observation/Recommendation  
Entrapment

Head and Neck Entrapment - Public playground equipment shall be designed and constructed or assembled so that any accessible opening shall meet the following performance requirements to reduce the risk of accidental head or neck entrapment by either a head-first or feet-first entry into the opening.  
ASTM-F1487 6.1

### Recommendation

This piece of equipment presents a head entrapment hazard. The equipment should be modified to eliminate the head entrapment hazard.



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# Playground Safety Inspection Report - River Falls (6-18-2024)

Outdoor Playground

Id    Location  
18114 Hamilton Park

Observation/Recommendation

Painted Surfaces

Metals not inherently corrosion resistant should be painted, galvanized, or otherwise treated to prevent rust. Paints and other finishes should be maintained to prevent rusting of exposed metals and to minimize children playing with peeling paint and paint flakes. CPSC 2.5.4

**Recommendation**

All painted surfaces must be maintained in good condition to eliminate rusting and peeling paint.



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## Playground Safety Inspection Report - River Falls (6-18-2024)

Outdoor Playground

Id   Location  
18115 Spring Creek

Observation/Recommendation

Hardware

When installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, fasteners, connecting, and covering devices shall not loosen or be removable without the use of tools. Lock washers, self-locking nuts, or other locking means shall be provided for all nuts and bolts to protect them from detachment. Hardware in moving joints shall also be secured against unintentional loosening.

ASTM-F1487 4.2.2

**Recommendation**

All hardware should be installed so that it will not loosen or can not be removed without the use of tools. The bench seat is broken and is loose.



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## Playground Safety Inspection Report - River Falls (6-18-2024)

Outdoor Playground

Id   Location  
18116 Spring Creek

Observation/Recommendation

Hardware

When installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, fasteners, connecting, and covering devices shall not loosen or be removable without the use of tools. Lock washers, self-locking nuts, or other locking means shall be provided for all nuts and bolts to protect them from detachment. Hardware in moving joints shall also be secured against unintentional loosening.

ASTM-F1487 4.2.2

**Recommendation**

All hardware should be installed so that it will not loosen or can not be removed without the use of tools. The bolt that holds the item in place is backing out and needs to be reinstalled.



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Outdoor Playground

<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18204	Spring Creek	Maintenance

Inspections alone do not constitute a comprehensive maintenance program. Any problems found during the inspection should be noted and fixed as soon as possible. All repairs and replacements of equipment parts should be completed following the manufacturer's instructions.

CPSC 4.2

### **Recommendation**

All hazards found during inspections should be eliminated as soon as possible. Repairs and replacements should also be documented. There is a hole in the side of the climber that should be plugged to prevent insects and birds from creating nests.



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## Playground Safety Inspection Report - River Falls (6-18-2024)

Outdoor Playground

Id   Location  
18205 Spring Creek

Observation/Recommendation  
Entrapment

Head and Neck Entrapment - Public playground equipment shall be designed and constructed or assembled so that any accessible opening shall meet the following performance requirements to reduce the risk of accidental head or neck entrapment by either a head-first or feet-first entry into the opening.  
ASTM-F1487 6.1

### Recommendation

This piece of equipment presents a head entrapment hazard. The equipment should be modified to eliminate the head entrapment hazard.



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## Playground Safety Inspection Report - River Falls (6-18-2024)

Outdoor Playground

Id   Location  
18206 Spring Creek

Observation/Recommendation

Maintenance

Loose-fill surfacing materials require special maintenance. High-use public playgrounds, such as child care centers and schools, should be checked frequently to ensure surfacing has not displaced significantly, particularly in areas of the playground most subject to displacement (e.g., under swings and slide exits).

CPSC 4.3

### **Recommendation**

Mark ideal surfacing depths on equipment posts. Displaced loose-fill surfacing should be raked back into proper place so that constant depth is maintained throughout the playground. There is standing water in the swing area. This area should be reviewed for possible drainage issues.



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### Outdoor Playground

<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18207	Larson Park	<p>Maintenance</p> <p>Overhead Obstructions - Overhead obstructions within the use zones of playground equipment that are not part of the play structure (for example, tree limbs) shall be at least 84 inches above each designated play surface or 84 inches above the pivot point of swings.</p> <p>ASTM-F1487 9.8.4.1</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>The tree limbs should be cut so that they are at least 84 inches above the play equipment.</p>



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<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18208	Larson Park	Entrapment

Head and Neck Entrapment - Public playground equipment shall be designed and constructed or assembled so that any accessible opening shall meet the following performance requirements to reduce the risk of accidental head or neck entrapment by either a head-first or feet-first entry into the opening.  
ASTM-F1487 6.1

### Recommendation

This piece of equipment presents a head entrapment hazard. The equipment should be modified to eliminate the head entrapment hazard.



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18209	Larson Park	<p>Hardware</p> <p>When installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, fasteners, connecting, and covering devices shall not loosen or be removable without the use of tools. Lock washers, self-locking nuts, or other locking means shall be provided for all nuts and bolts to protect them from detachment. Hardware in moving joints shall also be secured against unintentional loosening.</p> <p>ASTM-F1487 4.2.2</p>

### Recommendation

All hardware should be installed so that it will not loosen or can not be removed without the use of tools. There is a missing piece of hardware on this play panel.



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## Playground Safety Inspection Report - River Falls (6-18-2024)

Outdoor Playground

Id   Location  
18210 Larson Park

Observation/Recommendation

Painted Surfaces

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CPSC 2.5.4

**Recommendation**

All painted surfaces must be maintained in good condition to eliminate rusting and peeling paint.



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<u><i>Id</i></u>	<u><i>Location</i></u>	<u><i>Observation/Recommendation</i></u>
18211	Larson Park	Protective Surface Material

Minimum required depths of loose-fill material needed based on material type and fall height. The depths shown assume the materials have been compressed due to use and weathering and are properly maintained to the given level  
CPSC 2.4.2.2

### **Recommendation**

Critical fall height to high for given surface material. A different surface material should be used and/or additional depth. Sand is being used as a surfacing material when the fall height is greater than 48 inches. According to the CPSC you are not allowed to use sand for a fall height greater than 48 inches. I am recommending based on the height of the equipment, that you replace the surfacing material.



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18212	Wells Park	<p>Hardware</p> <p>When installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, fasteners, connecting, and covering devices shall not loosen or be removable without the use of tools. Lock washers, self-locking nuts, or other locking means shall be provided for all nuts and bolts to protect them from detachment. Hardware in moving joints shall also be secured against unintentional loosening.</p> <p>ASTM-F1487 4.2.2</p>

### Recommendation

All hardware should be installed so that it will not loosen or can not be removed without the use of tools. The knob on the rocker is loose and needs to be tightened.



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18213	Wells Park	Great Job!  Positive example. No Violation  <b>Recommendation</b>  This is a great example of the required signage at all of your parks.



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### Outdoor Playground

<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18214	Wells Park	Maintenance  Loose-fill surfacing materials require special maintenance. High-use public playgrounds, such as child care centers and schools, should be checked frequently to ensure surfacing has not displaced significantly, particularly in areas of the playground most subject to displacement (e.g., under swings and slide exits). CPSC 4.3



### **Recommendation**

Mark ideal surfacing depths on equipment posts.  
Displaced loose-fill surfacing should be raked back into proper place so that constant depth is maintained throughout the playground.

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Outdoor Playground

<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18215	Knollwood Park	Slides

All slides should have an exit region to help children maintain their balance and facilitate a smooth transition from sitting to standing when exiting. For preschool and school-age the chute exit region should: - Be at least 11 inches long. - Be no more than 11 inches above the protective surfacing if the slide is no greater than 4 feet high. - Be at least 7 inches but not more than 15 inches above the protective surfacing if the slide is over 4 feet high.  
CPSC 5.3.6.4

### Recommendation

The slide chute exit is too high above the protective surfacing material. This slide exit is at 19 inches.



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### Outdoor Playground

<u><i>Id</i></u>	<u><i>Location</i></u>	<u><i>Observation/Recommendation</i></u>
18216	Knollwood Park	Maintenance  Loose-fill surfacing materials require special maintenance. High-use public playgrounds, such as child care centers and schools, should be checked frequently to ensure surfacing has not displaced significantly, particularly in areas of the playground most subject to displacement (e.g., under swings and slide exits). CPSC 4.3



### **Recommendation**

Mark ideal surfacing depths on equipment posts.  
Displaced loose-fill surfacing should be raked back into proper place so that constant depth is maintained throughout the playground.

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### Outdoor Playground

<u><i>Id</i></u>	<u><i>Location</i></u>	<u><i>Observation/Recommendation</i></u>
18217	Golf View Park	Maintenance  Loose-fill surfacing materials require special maintenance. High-use public playgrounds, such as child care centers and schools, should be checked frequently to ensure surfacing has not displaced significantly, particularly in areas of the playground most subject to displacement (e.g., under swings and slide exits). CPSC 4.3



### **Recommendation**

Mark ideal surfacing depths on equipment posts. For woodchips, the minimum depth required is 9 inches. There were a few spots that need additional surfacing added as it was less than 9 inches.

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<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18218	Golf View Park	Slides

The use zone in front of the access and to the sides of a slide should extend a minimum of 6 feet from the perimeter of equipment. The use zone in front of the exit of a slide should never overlap the use zone of any other equipment; however, two or more slides may overlap if their sliding paths are parallel. For slides greater than 6 feet high, the use zone in front of the exit should be at least as long as the slide is high up to a maximum of 8 feet.  
CPSC 5.3.6.5

### Recommendation

The use zone around the slide should be a minimum of 6 feet and must be filled with proper protective surfacing. The use zone on the slide goes into a hill and does not have the required 6 feet of clear space. The use zone should be flat and clear of obstacles.



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### Outdoor Playground

<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18219	Golf View Park	<p>Painted Surfaces</p> <p>Metals not inherently corrosion resistant should be painted, galvanized, or otherwise treated to prevent rust. Paints and other finishes should be maintained to prevent rusting of exposed metals and to minimize children playing with peeling paint and paint flakes. CPSC 2.5.4</p>



### **Recommendation**

All painted surfaces must be maintained in good condition to eliminate rusting and peeling paint.

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Outdoor Playground

Id   Location  
18220 Golf View Park

Observation/Recommendation

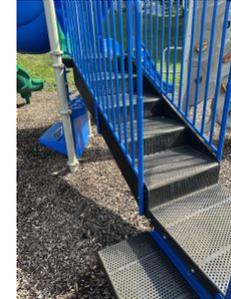
Hardware

When installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, fasteners, connecting, and covering devices shall not loosen or be removable without the use of tools. Lock washers, self-locking nuts, or other locking means shall be provided for all nuts and bolts to protect them from detachment. Hardware in moving joints shall also be secured against unintentional loosening.

ASTM-F1487 4.2.2

**Recommendation**

All hardware should be installed so that it will not loosen or can not be removed without the use of tools. The railing is loose and needs to be tightened.



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<u><i>Id</i></u>	<u><i>Location</i></u>	<u><i>Observation/Recommendation</i></u>
18221	Golf View Park	Maintenance

Inspections alone do not constitute a comprehensive maintenance program. Any problems found during the inspection should be noted and fixed as soon as possible. All repairs and replacements of equipment parts should be completed following the manufacturer's instructions.  
CPSC 4.2

### **Recommendation**

All hazards found during inspections should be eliminated as soon as possible. Repairs and replacements should also be documented. There is a hole in the side of the climber that should be plugged to prevent insects and birds from creating nests.



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## Playground Safety Inspection Report - River Falls (6-18-2024)

### Outdoor Playground

Id   Location  
18222 Golf View Park

Observation/Recommendation  
Slides

All slides should have an exit region to help children maintain their balance and facilitate a smooth transition from sitting to standing when exiting. For preschool and school-age the chute exit region should: - Be at least 11 inches long. - Be no more than 11 inches above the protective surfacing if the slide is no greater than 4 feet high. - Be at least 7 inches but not more than 15 inches above the protective surfacing if the slide is over 4 feet high.  
CPSC 5.3.6.4

#### **Recommendation**

The slide chute exit is too high above the protective surfacing material. The slide exit was at 18 inches.



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Outdoor Playground

<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18223	Golf View Park	<p>Hardware</p> <p>When installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, fasteners, connecting, and covering devices shall not loosen or be removable without the use of tools. Lock washers, self-locking nuts, or other locking means shall be provided for all nuts and bolts to protect them from detachment. Hardware in moving joints shall also be secured against unintentional loosening.</p> <p>ASTM-F1487 4.2.2</p>

### Recommendation

All hardware should be installed so that it will not loosen or can not be removed without the use of tools. The play panel is loose and needs to have a bolt tighten and or added.



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### Outdoor Playground

<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18224	Highview Meadows Park	Sharp Points, Corners or Edges

All metal edges should be rolled or have rounded capping.  
CPSC 3.4

#### **Recommendation**

Sharp points, corners, or edges on any part of the playground or playground equipment may cut or puncture a child's skin. Sharp edges can cause serious lacerations if protective measures are not taken. The swings are showing signs of wear and therefore have sharp edges that need to be addressed.



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## Outdoor Playground

<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18225	Highview Meadows Park	Sharp Points, Corners or Edges

All metal edges should be rolled or have rounded capping.  
CPSC 3.4

### Recommendation

Sharp points, corners, or edges on any part of the playground or playground equipment may cut or puncture a child's skin. Sharp edges can cause serious lacerations if protective measures are not taken. The swings are showing signs of wear and therefore have sharp edges that need to be addressed.



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<u><i>Id</i></u>	<u><i>Location</i></u>	<u><i>Observation/Recommendation</i></u>
18226	Highview Meadows Park	Maintenance  Loose-fill surfacing materials require special maintenance. High-use public playgrounds, such as child care centers and schools, should be checked frequently to ensure surfacing has not displaced significantly, particularly in areas of the playground most subject to displacement (e.g., under swings and slide exits). CPSC 4.3



### **Recommendation**

Mark ideal surfacing depths on equipment posts.  
Displaced loose-fill surfacing should be raked back into proper place so that constant depth is maintained throughout the playground.

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## Outdoor Playground

<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18227	First National Bank of River Falls Field	Inspections Records - The owner/operator shall establish and maintain detailed installation, inspection, maintenance, and repair records for each public-use playground equipment area. ASTM-F1487 13.3

### **Recommendation**

This playground was not inspected as it is not know if it is owned by the City or not. If you would like CVMIC to inspect this playground it can be scheduled on the next visit.



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### Outdoor Playground

Id   Location  
18228 Grow-to-Share

Observation/Recommendation

Inspections

Records - The owner/operator shall establish and maintain detailed installation, inspection, maintenance, and repair records for each public-use playground equipment area.

ASTM-F1487 13.3

### Recommendation

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<u><i>Id</i></u>	<u><i>Location</i></u>	<u><i>Observation/Recommendation</i></u>
18229	Upper Hoffman	<p>Installations</p> <p>Strictly follow all instructions from the manufacturer when assembling and installing equipment. After assembly and before its first use, equipment should be thoroughly inspected by a person qualified to inspect playgrounds for safety. The manufacturer's assembly and installation instructions, and all other materials collected concerning the equipment, should be kept in a permanent file. Secure anchoring is a key factor to stable installation, and the anchoring process should be completed in strict accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.</p> <p>CPSC 2.6</p>

### **Recommendation**

Repairs must be done in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. I am not sure if the manufacturer was contact about the repair, but the welding that was done should have been done at the manufacturer's direction.



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<u><i>Id</i></u>	<u><i>Location</i></u>	<u><i>Observation/Recommendation</i></u>
18230	Upper Hoffman	Entanglement  The diameter of the projection should not increase in the direction away from the surrounding surface toward the exposed end. CPSC 3.2

### **Recommendation**

The hazardous protrusion that increases in diameter from the plane of the initial surface and forms an entanglement hazard may also be an impalement hazard. The washer cannot extend out and should be corrected.



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### Outdoor Playground

<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18231	Upper Hoffman	<p>Painted Surfaces</p> <p>Metals not inherently corrosion resistant should be painted, galvanized, or otherwise treated to prevent rust. Paints and other finishes should be maintained to prevent rusting of exposed metals and to minimize children playing with peeling paint and paint flakes. CPSC 2.5.4</p>



### **Recommendation**

All painted surfaces must be maintained in good condition to eliminate rusting and peeling paint.

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<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18232	Upper Hoffman	Great Job!  Positive example. No Violation  <b>Recommendation</b>  This is a great example of all the signs that should be placed at all of your playgrounds. The age is listed and the adult supervision is recommended. Great job.



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<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18233	Upper Hoffman	Slides

All slides should have an exit region to help children maintain their balance and facilitate a smooth transition from sitting to standing when exiting. For preschool and school-age the chute exit region should: - Be at least 11 inches long. - Be no more than 11 inches above the protective surfacing if the slide is no greater than 4 feet high. - Be at least 7 inches but not more than 15 inches above the protective surfacing if the slide is over 4 feet high.

CPSC 5.3.6.4

### Recommendation

The slide chute exit is too high above the protective surfacing material. The slide exit is at 17 1/2 inches.



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Outdoor Playground

<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18234	Upper Hoffman	Protective Surface Material

Minimum required depths of loose-fill material needed based on material type and fall height. The depths shown assume the materials have been compressed due to use and weathering and are properly maintained to the given level  
CPSC 2.4.2.2

### Recommendation

Critical fall height to high for given surface material. A different surface material should be used and/or additional depth. Sand is being used as a surfacing material when the fall height is greater than 48 inches. According to the CPSC you are not allowed to use sand for a fall height greater than 48 inches. I am recommending based on the height of the equipment, that you replace the surfacing material. Since there is a designated play surface located above 48 inches the sand should be removed.



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18235	Upper Hoffman	Hardware  When installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, fasteners, connecting, and covering devices shall not loosen or be removable without the use of tools. Lock washers, self-locking nuts, or other locking means shall be provided for all nuts and bolts to protect them from detachment. Hardware in moving joints shall also be secured against unintentional loosening. ASTM-F1487 4.2.2

### Recommendation

All hardware should be installed so that it will not loosen or can not be removed without the use of tools. The handles are loose and need to be tightened.



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### Outdoor Playground

<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18236	Upper Hoffman	Entanglement  Bolts should not expose more than two threads beyond the end of the nut. CPSC 3.2  <b>Recommendation</b>  There must never be more than two threads exposed beyond the end of the nut.



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18237	Upper Hoffman	Maintenance  Inspections alone do not constitute a comprehensive maintenance program. Any problems found during the inspection should be noted and fixed as soon as possible. All repairs and replacements of equipment parts should be completed following the manufacturer's instructions. CPSC 4.2



### **Recommendation**

All hazards found during inspections should be eliminated as soon as possible. Repairs and replacements should also be documented. The extra hardware for the swings should be removed.

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### Outdoor Playground

<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18238	Upper Hoffman	Protective Surface Material

Minimum required depths of loose-fill material needed based on material type and fall height. The depths shown assume the materials have been compressed due to use and weathering and are properly maintained to the given level  
CPSC 2.4.2.2

#### **Recommendation**

Critical fall height to high for given surface material. A different surface material should be used and/or additional depth. Sand is being used as a surfacing material when the fall height is greater than 48 inches. According to the CPSC you are not allowed to use sand for a fall height greater than 48 inches. I am recommending based on the height of the equipment, that you replace the surfacing material.



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### Outdoor Playground

<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18239	Lower Hoffman	Protective Surface Material

Minimum required depths of loose-fill material needed based on material type and fall height. The depths shown assume the materials have been compressed due to use and weathering and are properly maintained to the given level  
CPSC 2.4.2.2

#### **Recommendation**

Critical fall height to high for given surface material. A different surface material should be used and/or additional depth. At lower Hoffman, sand is also being used for surfacing and should be replaced. I would also recommend addressing the standing water as well.



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### Outdoor Playground

<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18240	Lower Hoffman	Sharp Points, Corners or Edges  All corners, metal and wood, should be rounded. CPSC 3.4  <b>Recommendation</b>  Sharp points, corners, or edges on any part of the playground or playground equipment may cut or puncture a child's skin. Sharp edges can cause serious lacerations if protective measures are not taken.



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### Outdoor Playground

<u><i>Id</i></u>	<u><i>Location</i></u>	<u><i>Observation/Recommendation</i></u>
18241	Lower Hoffman	Protective Surface Material

A playground should never be installed without protective surfacing of some type. Concrete, asphalt, or other hard surfaces should never be directly under playground equipment. Grass and dirt are not considered protective surfacing because wear and environmental factors can reduce their shock absorbing effectiveness.

CPSC 2.4.2

#### **Recommendation**

The proper protective surfacing material must be installed within the proper use zone for each piece of playground equipment.



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Outdoor Playground

<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18242	Lower Hoffman	Concrete Footings - Exposed

All anchoring devices for playground equipment, such as concrete footings or horizontal bars at the bottom of flexible climbers, should be installed below ground level, beneath the base of the protective surfacing material. This will also prevent children from sustaining additional injuries from impact if they fall on exposed footings.

CPSC 3.6

### Recommendation

Play areas should be free of tripping hazards. The exposed footing presents a hazard and also increases the risk of an impact hazard if a child falls onto the footing. The proper amount of protective surfacing material must be maintained over the footings at all times.



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### Outdoor Playground

<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18243	Lower Hoffman	Sharp Points, Corners or Edges  Wood parts should be smooth and free from splinters. CPSC 3.4

#### **Recommendation**

Sharp points, corners, or edges on any part of the playground or playground equipment may cut or puncture a child's skin. Sharp edges can cause serious lacerations if protective measures are not taken.



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## Playground Safety Inspection Report - River Falls (6-18-2024)

Outdoor Playground

Id   Location  
18244 Tri Angles

Observation/Recommendation

Hardware

Rope, cable, or chain with a length of 7.0 inches or less may be attached at one end only. Multiple lengths of such cords that can contact each other would be treated as one length of cord.

ASTM-F1487 6.6.2.3

**Recommendation**

There is an exception for this that states: For ground level components, ropes, chain or cable used to attach manipulative components (for example, mallet for chime panel) to play panels or similar activities shall not be longer than 24 in. The attachment point of the cable shall not be higher than 27 in above the underlying surface. The cable that was attached measured at 29 inches.



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<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18245	Tri Angles	<p>Hardware</p> <p>When installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, fasteners, connecting, and covering devices shall not loosen or be removable without the use of tools. Lock washers, self-locking nuts, or other locking means shall be provided for all nuts and bolts to protect them from detachment. Hardware in moving joints shall also be secured against unintentional loosening.</p> <p>ASTM-F1487 4.2.2</p>

### Recommendation

All hardware should be installed so that it will not loosen or can not be removed without the use of tools. One of the chimes is loose.



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## Playground Safety Inspection Report - River Falls (6-18-2024)

Outdoor Playground

Id   Location  
18246 Tri Angles

Observation/Recommendation  
Painted Surfaces

Metals not inherently corrosion resistant should be painted, galvanized, or otherwise treated to prevent rust. Paints and other finishes should be maintained to prevent rusting of exposed metals and to minimize children playing with peeling paint and paint flakes. CPSC 2.5.4

### **Recommendation**

All painted surfaces must be maintained in good condition to eliminate rusting and peeling paint.



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18247	Tri Angles	<p>Hardware</p> <p>When installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, fasteners, connecting, and covering devices shall not loosen or be removable without the use of tools. Lock washers, self-locking nuts, or other locking means shall be provided for all nuts and bolts to protect them from detachment. Hardware in moving joints shall also be secured against unintentional loosening.</p> <p>ASTM-F1487 4.2.2</p>

### Recommendation

All hardware should be installed so that it will not loosen or can not be removed without the use of tools. The cap for the bolt is missing.



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## Playground Safety Inspection Report - River Falls (6-18-2024)

### Outdoor Playground

<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18248	Glens Old four-way spring rocker	Protrusions and Projections

Determining Whether a Projection is a Protrusion - Successively place each of three gages over each accessible projection in all orientations. Determine whether the projection extends beyond the face of any gage. The projection fails the test and is a protrusion if it extends beyond the face of any of the three gages. ASTM-F1487 6.3.2

#### **Recommendation**

The protrusion hazard was determined by following the above mentioned test method. The protrusion hazard must be eliminated. The handles on the horse in the picture have a protrusion hazard that must be fixed before putting this equipment in service. Other items to consider before putting this unit back into service: 1) Is there lead based paint on this equipment? 2) The springs represent a pinch hazard and should be covered. 3) There is rust on the unit 4) I would go over the entire unit to verify the fittings are all tight and replace where necessary. 5) If possible find the original or similar installation instructions to ensure it is installed properly.



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### Outdoor Playground

<u><i>Id</i></u>	<u><i>Location</i></u>	<u><i>Observation/Recommendation</i></u>
18249	Sterling Ponds Park	Maintenance

Loose-fill surfacing materials require special maintenance. High-use public playgrounds, such as child care centers and schools, should be checked frequently to ensure surfacing has not displaced significantly, particularly in areas of the playground most subject to displacement (e.g., under swings and slide exits).  
CPSC 4.3

#### **Recommendation**

Mark ideal surfacing depths on equipment posts.  
Displaced loose-fill surfacing should be raked back into proper place so that constant depth is maintained throughout the playground.



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## Outdoor Playground

<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18250	Sterling Ponds Park	Sharp Points, Corners or Edges

All metal edges should be rolled or have rounded capping.  
CPSC 3.4

### Recommendation

Sharp points, corners, or edges on any part of the playground or playground equipment may cut or puncture a child's skin. Sharp edges can cause serious lacerations if protective measures are not taken.



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## Outdoor Playground

<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18251	Sterling Ponds Park	Slides

The use zone in front of the access and to the sides of a slide should extend a minimum of 6 feet from the perimeter of equipment. The use zone in front of the exit of a slide should never overlap the use zone of any other equipment; however, two or more slides may overlap if their sliding paths are parallel. For slides greater than 6 feet high, the use zone in front of the exit should be at least as long as the slide is high up to a maximum of 8 feet.

CPSC 5.3.6.5

### Recommendation

The use zone around the slide should be a minimum of 8 feet and must be filled with proper protective surfacing. The existing use zone is only 82 inches and must be 96 inches.



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<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18252	Sterling Ponds Park	Protrusions and Projections

Protrusions: There shall be no protrusions on public play equipment.  
ASTM-F1487 6.3

### Recommendation

This piece of equipment has a protrusion hazard where the two nuts are stacked up and the hazard must be eliminated.



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<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18253	Sterling Ponds Park	Painted Surfaces

Metals not inherently corrosion resistant should be painted, galvanized, or otherwise treated to prevent rust. Paints and other finishes should be maintained to prevent rusting of exposed metals and to minimize children playing with peeling paint and paint flakes.  
CPSC 2.5.4

#### **Recommendation**

All painted surfaces must be maintained in good condition to eliminate rusting and peeling paint.



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## Playground Safety Inspection Report - River Falls (6-18-2024)

Outdoor Playground

Id   Location  
18254 Collins Park

Observation/Recommendation

Maintenance

Loose-fill surfacing materials require special maintenance. High-use public playgrounds, such as child care centers and schools, should be checked frequently to ensure surfacing has not displaced significantly, particularly in areas of the playground most subject to displacement (e.g., under swings and slide exits).

CPSC 4.3

**Recommendation**

Mark ideal surfacing depths on equipment posts.  
Displaced loose-fill surfacing should be raked back into proper place so that constant depth is maintained throughout the playground.



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# Playground Safety Inspection Report - River Falls (6-18-2024)

Outdoor Playground

Id   Location  
18255 Collins Park

Observation/Recommendation

Hardware

When installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, fasteners, connecting, and covering devices shall not loosen or be removable without the use of tools. Lock washers, self-locking nuts, or other locking means shall be provided for all nuts and bolts to protect them from detachment. Hardware in moving joints shall also be secured against unintentional loosening.

ASTM-F1487 4.2.2

**Recommendation**

All hardware should be installed so that it will not loosen or can not be removed without the use of tools. The bottom step of the climber is loose.



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<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18256	Collins Park	Great Job!  Positive example. No Violation  <b>Recommendation</b>  This is an example of a good sign indicating the age group and that adult supervision is recommended, but I would recommend a larger sign.



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## Playground Safety Inspection Report - River Falls (6-18-2024)

### Outdoor Playground

Id   Location  
18257 Westdale Park

Observation/Recommendation  
Protective Surface Material

Minimum required depths of loose-fill material needed based on material type and fall height. The depths shown assume the materials have been compressed due to use and weathering and are properly maintained to the given level  
CPSC 2.4.2.2

#### **Recommendation**

Critical fall height too high for given surface material. A different surface material should be used and/or additional depth. Sand is being used as a surfacing material when the fall height is greater than 48 inches. According to the CPSC you are not allowed to use sand for a fall height greater than 48 inches. I am recommending based on the height of the equipment, that you replace the surfacing material.



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Outdoor Playground

<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18258	Westdale Park	Concrete Footings - Exposed

All anchoring devices for playground equipment, such as concrete footings or horizontal bars at the bottom of flexible climbers, should be installed below ground level, beneath the base of the protective surfacing material. This will also prevent children from sustaining additional injuries from impact if they fall on exposed footings.

CPSC 3.6

### Recommendation

Play areas should be free of tripping hazards. The footing presents a hazard and also increases the risk of an impact hazard if a child falls onto the footing. The proper amount of protective surfacing material must be maintained over the footings at all times.



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<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18259	Westdale Park	<p>Painted Surfaces</p> <p>Metals not inherently corrosion resistant should be painted, galvanized, or otherwise treated to prevent rust. Paints and other finishes should be maintained to prevent rusting of exposed metals and to minimize children playing with peeling paint and paint flakes. CPSC 2.5.4</p>

### Recommendation

All painted surfaces must be maintained in good condition to eliminate rusting and peeling paint.



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<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18260	Westdale Park	<p>Hardware</p> <p>When installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, fasteners, connecting, and covering devices shall not loosen or be removable without the use of tools. Lock washers, self-locking nuts, or other locking means shall be provided for all nuts and bolts to protect them from detachment. Hardware in moving joints shall also be secured against unintentional loosening.</p> <p>ASTM-F1487 4.2.2</p>

### Recommendation

All hardware should be installed so that it will not loosen or can not be removed without the use of tools. There appears to be a missing play feature on the playset.



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<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18261	Westdale Park	Hardware  When installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, fasteners, connecting, and covering devices shall not loosen or be removable without the use of tools. Lock washers, self-locking nuts, or other locking means shall be provided for all nuts and bolts to protect them from detachment. Hardware in moving joints shall also be secured against unintentional loosening. ASTM-F1487 4.2.2

### Recommendation

All hardware should be installed so that it will not loosen or can not be removed without the use of tools. The caps for these bolts are missing.



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## Playground Safety Inspection Report - River Falls (6-18-2024)

Outdoor Playground

Id   Location  
18262 Westdale Park

Observation/Recommendation

Hardware

When installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, fasteners, connecting, and covering devices shall not loosen or be removable without the use of tools. Lock washers, self-locking nuts, or other locking means shall be provided for all nuts and bolts to protect them from detachment. Hardware in moving joints shall also be secured against unintentional loosening.

ASTM-F1487 4.2.2

**Recommendation**

All hardware should be installed so that it will not loosen or can not be removed without the use of tools. There appears to be a bolt missing to hold this together.



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18263	Westdale Park	<p>Hardware</p> <p>When installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, fasteners, connecting, and covering devices shall not loosen or be removable without the use of tools. Lock washers, self-locking nuts, or other locking means shall be provided for all nuts and bolts to protect them from detachment. Hardware in moving joints shall also be secured against unintentional loosening.</p> <p>ASTM-F1487 4.2.2</p>

### Recommendation

All hardware should be installed so that it will not loosen or can not be removed without the use of tools. The top of the slide channeling device is loose.



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Outdoor Playground

<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18264	Westdale Park	<p>Painted Surfaces</p> <p>Metals not inherently corrosion resistant should be painted, galvanized, or otherwise treated to prevent rust. Paints and other finishes should be maintained to prevent rusting of exposed metals and to minimize children playing with peeling paint and paint flakes. CPSC 2.5.4</p>



### **Recommendation**

All painted surfaces must be maintained in good condition to eliminate rusting and peeling paint.

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## Playground Safety Inspection Report - River Falls (6-18-2024)

### Outdoor Playground

Id   Location  
18265 Westdale Park

Observation/Recommendation  
Protective Surface Material

Minimum required depths of loose-fill material needed based on material type and fall height. The depths shown assume the materials have been compressed due to use and weathering and are properly maintained to the given level  
CPSC 2.4.2.2

#### **Recommendation**

Critical fall height to high for given surface material. A different surface material should be used and/or additional depth. Sand is being used as a surfacing material when the fall height is greater than 48 inches. According to the CPSC you are not allowed to use sand for a fall height greater than 48 inches. I am recommending based on the height of the equipment, that you replace the surfacing material.



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## Playground Safety Inspection Report - River Falls (6-18-2024)

Outdoor Playground

Id   Location  
18266 Westdale Park

Observation/Recommendation

Entanglement

Entanglement - There shall be no entanglement hazards on public play equipment. Three test gages, a feeler gage, and the means to accurately measure a 0.12 inch extension are required to determine whether entanglement hazards exist.

ASTM-F1487 6.4

**Recommendation**

This is an entanglement hazard that could entangle a child's clothing and the child could get hung up from this hazard. The bolts on the swing hanger are pointed up, which creates an entanglement hazard.



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## Playground Safety Inspection Report - River Falls (6-18-2024)

### Outdoor Playground

Id   Location  
18267 DeSanctis Park

Observation/Recommendation

Insects

Warm weather can bring out all sorts of wildlife, including bees and wasps. These bugs can be a threat to the well-being of you and your playground patrons, and they can be especially challenging to eliminate once they've nested.

None

### Recommendation

If you've spotted a wasp nest in your playground equipment it should be removed. It's critical to be aware of the potential for stings while handling bees and wasps. There is a wasp nest in the area shown in the picture.



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<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18268	DeSanctis Park	<p>Hardware</p> <p>When installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, fasteners, connecting, and covering devices shall not loosen or be removable without the use of tools. Lock washers, self-locking nuts, or other locking means shall be provided for all nuts and bolts to protect them from detachment. Hardware in moving joints shall also be secured against unintentional loosening.</p> <p>ASTM-F1487 4.2.2</p>

### Recommendation

All hardware should be installed so that it will not loosen or can not be removed without the use of tools. The plastic parts on the top of the slide are loose.



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# Playground Safety Inspection Report - River Falls (6-18-2024)

Outdoor Playground

Id   Location  
18269 DeSanctis Park

Observation/Recommendation  
Spring Rockers

The use zone should extend a minimum of 6 feet from the "at rest" perimeter of the equipment. The use zone may overlap with neighboring equipment if the other piece of equipment allows overlapping use zones and - There is at least 6 feet between equipment when adjacent designated play surfaces are no more than 30 inches high; or - There is at least 9 feet between equipment when adjacent designated play surfaces are more than 30 inches high.  
CPSC 5.3.7

### Recommendation

The use zone should extend to at least 6 feet around the spring rocker and the use zone must be filled with proper protective surfacing.



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### Outdoor Playground

<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18270	DeSanctis Park	<p>Painted Surfaces</p> <p>Metals not inherently corrosion resistant should be painted, galvanized, or otherwise treated to prevent rust. Paints and other finishes should be maintained to prevent rusting of exposed metals and to minimize children playing with peeling paint and paint flakes. CPSC 2.5.4</p>



### **Recommendation**

All painted surfaces must be maintained in good condition to eliminate rusting and peeling paint.

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<u><i>Id</i></u>	<u><i>Location</i></u>	<u><i>Observation/Recommendation</i></u>
18271	DeSanctis Park	Climbing Equipment

All rungs should be secured in a manner that prevents them from turning.  
CPSC 5.3.2.1.3

### **Recommendation**

The climbing rungs must be secured so that they do not turn when they are grasped. The post on the end (pictured) is loose causing the rings to move slightly.



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18272	DeSanctis Park	<p>Hardware</p> <p>When installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, fasteners, connecting, and covering devices shall not loosen or be removable without the use of tools. Lock washers, self-locking nuts, or other locking means shall be provided for all nuts and bolts to protect them from detachment. Hardware in moving joints shall also be secured against unintentional loosening.</p> <p>ASTM-F1487 4.2.2</p>

### **Recommendation**

All hardware should be installed so that it will not loosen or can not be removed without the use of tools. The two slides channeling devices are loose.



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18273	DeSanctis Park	<p>Maintenance</p> <p>Loose-fill surfacing materials require special maintenance. High-use public playgrounds, such as child care centers and schools, should be checked frequently to ensure surfacing has not displaced significantly, particularly in areas of the playground most subject to displacement (e.g., under swings and slide exits).</p> <p>CPSC 4.3</p>



### **Recommendation**

Mark ideal surfacing depths on equipment posts.  
Displaced loose-fill surfacing should be raked back into proper place so that constant depth is maintained throughout the playground.

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<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18274	DeSanctis Park	Hardware

Moving suspended elements shall be connected to the fixed support with bearings or bearing surfaces that serve to reduce friction or wear.  
ASTM-F1487 4.2.3

### Recommendation

The hardware is showing signs of friction and wear and it should be replaced. The washer is hanging down where the seat connects to the hanger.



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<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18275	Rolling Hills Park	Protective Surface Material

Minimum required depths of loose-fill material needed based on material type and fall height. The depths shown assume the materials have been compressed due to use and weathering and are properly maintained to the given level  
CPSC 2.4.2.2

#### **Recommendation**

Critical fall height to high for given surface material. A different surface material should be used and/or additional depth. Sand is being used as a surfacing material when the fall height is greater than 48 inches. According to the CPSC you are not allowed to use sand for a fall height greater than 48 inches. I am recommending based on the height of the equipment, that you replace the surfacing material.



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<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18276	Rolling Hills Park	Painted Surfaces

Metals not inherently corrosion resistant should be painted, galvanized, or otherwise treated to prevent rust. Paints and other finishes should be maintained to prevent rusting of exposed metals and to minimize children playing with peeling paint and paint flakes. CPSC 2.5.4

### Recommendation

All painted surfaces must be maintained in good condition to eliminate rusting and peeling paint.



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<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18277	Rolling Hills Park	Hardware

When installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, fasteners, connecting, and covering devices shall not loosen or be removable without the use of tools. Lock washers, self-locking nuts, or other locking means shall be provided for all nuts and bolts to protect them from detachment. Hardware in moving joints shall also be secured against unintentional loosening.

ASTM-F1487 4.2.2

#### **Recommendation**

All hardware should be installed so that it will not loosen or can not be removed without the use of tools. One of the hangers for the swings has moved and is tilted.



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<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18278	Rolling Hills Park	<p>Hardware</p> <p>Moving suspended elements shall be connected to the fixed support with bearings or bearing surfaces that serve to reduce friction or wear. ASTM-F1487 4.2.3</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>The hardware is showing signs of friction and wear and it should be replaced. The swing hardware is showing signs of wear and may need to be replaced.</p>



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<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18279	Rolling Hills Park	Swings (To-Fro)

The use zone to the sides of a single-axis swing should extend a minimum of 6 feet from the perimeter of the swing. This 6 foot zone may overlap that of an adjacent swing structure.  
CPSC 5.3.8.3.3

### Recommendation

The use zone to the side of the swing structure should be minimum of 6 feet and must be filled with the proper depth of protective surfacing material.



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<u>Id</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Observation/Recommendation</u>
18280	Rolling Hills Park	Swings (To-Fro)

The use zone for a belt swing should extend to the front and rear of a single-axis swing a minimum distance of twice the vertical distance from the pivot point and the top of the protective surface beneath it.  
CPSC 5.3.8.3.3

### Recommendation

The proper use zone must be installed along with the proper depth of protective surfacing material. The use zone for the swings to the front and back of them must be a minimum of 16 feet, as the height of the protective surface to the pivot point is 8 feet (16 feet in either direction).



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