



the **play inspections** company  
*the safest hands around playgrounds*

The Play Inspection Company in association with Came & Company Parish Council Insurance are delighted to offer an Independent Inspection Service for your children's play areas and sports facilities.

**Available services include:**

### Annual Inspection Service:

- Assessment of equipment Life Expectancy
- Assessment of condition of the equipment and the site
- Identification of all findings complete with photographs and recommended remedial action
- Risk assessment of all findings
- Identification of British & European Standard Compliance
- Basic DDA Statement for site
- Assessment of Stock Valuation
- Full electronic report in PDF format

**Price: £59.95 + VAT Per Site**

### Full Year Inspection Service:

Ensure that you are fulfilling your requirements by engaging our services to inspect your sites 4 times throughout the year. We will provide electronic reports for all 4 inspections and parish council representatives will be given access to our online inspection and recording system where all inspections will be stored & viewable free of charge for an unlimited time period.

- 3 x Quarterly Operational Inspections
- 1 x Annual Inspection

**Price: £195.00 + VAT Per Site (Total for year)**

### Post Installation Inspection Service:

- Inspections of newly installed equipment to ensure correct installation and standards compliance

**Price: £295.00 + VAT Per Site**

### New Playground Design Assessments:

- Assessment of new playground plans to ensure correct layout and design

**Price: £95.00 + VAT Per Assessment**

Please contact the Play Inspection Company for further information on these services by one of the following methods, quoting 'Came & Company Insurance Scheme':

**T: 01202 590675 E: [info@playinspections.co.uk](mailto:info@playinspections.co.uk) W: [www.playinspections.co.uk](http://www.playinspections.co.uk)**

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## Inspection & Maintenance of Childrens Play Area

### An Essential Guide for Playground Owners & Operators

In today's society, it is important to understand that owning or operating a play area comes with certain responsibilities in order to protect yourself and your organisation against claims and litigation. There is no specific legal responsibility to provide inspection & maintenance programmes for children's play areas; however, the British Standards Institute, Health & Safety Executive, Insurers and major Safety Organisations recommend such procedures.

The Health & Safety at Work Act 1974, along with The Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations 1992 and the Occupiers Liability Act 1957 & 1984 provide a framework to which all owners and operators of play areas should work. Under these Statute Laws there is a legal responsibility placed upon the playground operator to ensure the health and safety of all visitors to the playground.

Playground Managers have a legal and moral responsibility of care to children using the site - and at the same time need to meet the expectations of the courts. In our experience, meeting or resisting injury claims has very often turned on the quality of the inspections, subsequent maintenance and the quality of the retained documentation.

#### Routine Visual Inspection

Looking at the equipment's basic condition, especially faults due to recent vandalism, breakages and also cleanliness of the playground. These inspections can be carried out by the manager or his/her staff and should be recorded on a simple sheet or book. The equipment supplier should provide a checklist, however if not, we are able to supply one as required. Dependant on usage, these inspections should be carried out weekly as a minimum.

#### Operational Inspection

Looking in more detail at the condition of the equipment, providing a quality control check on the more regular inspections and identifying wear and tear on the equipment. Such inspections should be carried out by an appropriately trained member of staff, or alternatively by a suitably qualified specialist such as the Play Inspection Company and should be recorded. These inspections should be carried out at least on a quarterly basis.

#### Annual Main Inspection

To be carried out by a specialist not connected with the playground operator or manager. In the UK, these inspections should be carried out by inspectors registered to an Annual level with the RPII (Register of Play Inspectors International). Essentially, these inspections are looking at vandalism, wear and tear, long-term structural problems, Standards compliance and design, along with risk assessment etc. This report covers the overall safety of the playground.