



How good is the play space? Questionnaire

Example Questionnaire

Below is an example “How Good is the Play Place?” Questionnaire.

Name of the Play Place

How often do you play here? (Tick one box)

Most days

A few times a week

Less than once a week

Only now and again

Haven't played here before

1. Is the play place easy to get to?

YES

NO

Comments

I can see my home from here.

I can walk here on my own or with friends.

I can only walk here if an adult is with me.

I can only get here by car or bus.

2. What is in the play place?

YES

NO

Comments

The play place has natural things to play on or with eg trees, logs, rocks.

There are things to move around and play with in different ways.

There is fixed equipment to play on.

3. What can you play here?

YES

NO

Comments

Physical play

Running, chasing, hopping and jumping.

Climbing.

Swinging.

Sliding.

Spinning or rocking.

Balancing or crawling.

Bike or scooter riding.

Roller skating or skateboarding.

Ball games like basketball, tennis, football, or rounders.

Creative play

Sand or soil for digging or making things.

Water for pouring, measuring or splashing.

Things or places for pretend play.

Chalking, drawing or painting.

A place to perform, sing or act.

Building dens or other structures.

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3. What can you play here?	YES	NO	Comments
Social play			
Quiet places to be on your own or with a few close friends.			
Other boys and girls to play with of different ages and abilities.			
Grown ups around to ask for help with play if needed.			
Challenge/risk			
You can make playing more difficult and take risks if you want to.			
Inclusion			
You can play with all the play things that are in the space.			
Contact with nature			
Long grass, wildlife, insects and plants around.			

4. Clean and Safe?	YES	NO	Comments
It's usually free from dog mess.			
It's usually free from too much litter lying around. (ie glass, cans, paper, etc.)			
There's no broken equipment or missing parts.			
There's no DANGER from traffic.			
You can cross any roads safely on the way to this place.			
Usually, there are no grown ups or other children around that make you feel scared.			
There are houses or buildings nearby with people who could help you if you were in trouble.			

What would make this a better place to play in?

Where else do you play nearby?

Name	Age

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