

Checklist for Playgrounds

Design Aspect

Do your pathways have:	Yes	No	N/A
firm, even, non slip, consistent pavement surfaces			
colour contrast on edges			
tactile ground surface indicators where appropriate			
minimum width of 1500mm (1800 preferred)			
minimum height clearance of 2000mm			
appropriate handrails on any ramps, steps and stairs			
minimum cross slopes falling away from any hazards			
drainage grates located off the path of travel			
kerb ramps at changes of level e.g. Road crossing points			
kerb ramps aligned on both sides of any roads			
smooth transition between kerb ramps and roadways			
overhead and side clearance of signs and vegetation			
seating with backs and arms and various seat heights, linked to the path of travel with adjoining space for a mobility aid			
consistent and even lighting			
clear, concise and unambiguous signage			
links to public transport connections			
tactile and visual cues at pedestrian/vehicle conflict points			
installations such as litter bins, drinking fountains etc., next to the path of travel with appropriate path links to them			
gates that are accessible for a person using a wheelchair			
impact absorbing accessible surfaces e.g. Poured in rubber			
colour contrast on edges			
step free transition to external paths			
tactile ground surface indicators where appropriate			
minimum width of 1500mm (1800mm preferred)			
appropriate handrails on any ramps and stairs			
minimum cross slopes falling away from any hazards			
drainage grates located off the path of travel			
a variety of play components that stimulate the senses e.g. smell, sound, touch, vision			
gates that can be accessed by an adult using a wheelchair			
ground level or elevated accessible routes			
Do your play areas and play components have:	Yes	No	N/A
continuous accessible path of travel to all play areas and components, both ground level and elevated			
variety of accessible ground level play components e.g. Swings, rockers, hammocks			
variety of accessible elevated play components e.g. Slides, climbers, activity panels			
accessible play components located throughout playground not limited to one area			
transfer platforms and devices to support access to play components as required			
appropriate handrails to support users			
accessible areas for passive play and rest			

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space at the entry of play components for manoeuvring of support aids, including wheelchairs			
reach ranges to play components suitable for children using wheelchairs			
impact absorbing accessible surfaces on pathways and under play components e.g. Poured in rubber			
Do your accessible play components have:	Yes	No	N/A
tunnels where access is level with the ground surface			
slides with sides and built into an embankment with ramp access or similar accessible slide			
grassy embankments to roll down			
cubby houses that have access for a child using a mobility aid			
sand pits that have an edge that is flush with a firm surface for access by a person using a wheelchair			
raised sand pits, digging patches or sand tables			
raised water play areas			
swings that have backs and sides for stability			
low swings that allow easy access from a wheelchair			
bridges with ramp access			
murals at accessible viewing heights			
numbers and mirror panels with ramp or path access			
naught and crosses with ramp or path access			
climbing structures with ramp access			
sound walls with path or ramp access			
rockers with seats with backs and arms			
flying fox with seat with backs and arms			
walls or equipment with tactile components			
tactile and Braille components			
Do other general access issues have:	Yes	No	N/A
accessible car parking bays close to the playground			
accessible public toilets and change rooms close to the playground			
access to and through any public buildings or facilities			
accessible picnic areas			
seating with backs and arms at various locations and adjoining space for a mobility aid			
BBQs of an accessible height and design with firm access			
tables with space for a person using a wheelchair			
shelter over play, rest and picnic areas			
safety plan for users e.g. Attack, injury or emergency evacuation			
accessible public telephones			
dog 'roaming' restrictions			
fencing of playground			
access management and maintenance plan			

NOTE: If the answer is no, please contact Access and Inclusion Officer Louise Dwyer on 03 5832 9592 or email louise.dwyer@shepparton.vic.gov.au