

## **The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission**

TITLE: Play Equipment Safety Specialist  
SERIES: Building and Grounds Maintenance

GRADE: F CODE: 5240  
REV: 10/24/00 (Rev) FLSA: Non-Exempt

### Class Definition

Under general supervision, performs technical work involving considerable responsibility, complexity, and variety. Performs comprehensive inspection of playground areas and equipment for safety and maintenance problems located in all types of parks for entire region. Completes projects involving the maintenance, repair, and limited installation of play equipment. Leads team in performing carpentry, masonry, welding, design alterations, and replacement of parts to meet safety standards in accordance with U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission guidelines. Performs other related duties as assigned.

### Essential Job Functions:

1. Plans and conducts routine preventive maintenance program for play equipment. Performs safety inspections to discover structural problems and other defects, determines needed repairs, and implements corrective action. Makes minor repairs and replacements (e.g., swings, S-hooks, chains, etc.). Disables or removes defective equipment as required. Makes recommendations on closing and removing major equipment.
2. Prepares records of inspections and completed repairs. Estimates materials and supplies needed, and selects and purchases all repair and replacement parts. Submits annual budget request. Receives shipments of supplies and keeps stock inventory.
3. Provides technical advice to park designers and inspectors on the selection, installation, and maintenance of play structures, and on required compliance with U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission guidelines and manufacturer's specifications. Provides regional representation and input at pre- and post-construction meetings, and during installation. Provides significant input into the scheduling of play equipment renovation in the Capital Improvement Program.
4. Provides leadership and coordination for staff involved in the repair, maintenance, installation, and design alteration of play equipment. Insures that work projects are performed completely and correctly. Performs site inspections as required.
5. Informs manufacturers about problems and makes recommendations for design alterations of play equipment. Makes arrangements with factory representatives for the inspection of design flaws.
6. Uses a variety of hand and power tools. Performs routine welding, masonry, carpentry, and mechanical work.
7. Provides training for Commission employees and other groups in the various safety considerations in play equipment selection, installation, and maintenance as needed. Designs, prepares, and presents play equipment safety workshops as needed. Reviews specialized literature to keep up with current design trends.
8. Attends on-site meetings with citizens to respond to their concerns, discuss installations, and explain the safety program.

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### Important Worker Characteristics:

- A. Knowledge of: (1) U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission guidelines; (2) playground equipment maintenance practices, tools, supplies, and equipment; (3) playground equipment inspection techniques; (4) Commission organization, policies, and procedures;\* (5) safety and first aid; and (6) general trades (masonry, carpentry, and welding).
- B. Skill in the operation of: (1) hand tools (masonry and carpentry); (2) power tools; (3) trucks; (4) welding equipment; (5) personal computer and applicable software; and (6) camera.
- C. Ability to: (1) apply principles to solve practical problems; (2) read blueprints; (3) interpret and apply rules, regulations, and technical methods; (4) coordinate work projects; (5) lift up to 100 pounds; (6) detect design flaws; (7) prepare and maintain routine written records, reports, and correspondence; (8) make oral presentations to employees, the public, and other groups; and (9) work at heights.

\*Developed primarily after employment in this job class.

### Minimum Qualifications:

- 1. High school or GED, including or supplemented by at least three courses in construction technology, engineering, or related subjects; two years of general trades experience; and two years experience in playground equipment repair and installation; or
- 2. An equivalent combination of four years education and experience.
- 3. Certification by the National Playground Safety Institute.
- 4. Valid drivers license, or the ability to acquire one.

### Working Conditions

Works in the field and office. Considerable driving. Exposed to varying weather conditions, dirt, and welding torch and fumes.