

POLICY #903C

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Policy Statement:

This policy has been established and approved by Council to provide for an appropriate level of inspection and maintenance for playgrounds.

Purpose:

To establish guidelines to provide safe and hazard-free play areas and to reduce or eliminate potential liability claim exposure.

Standards:

Safety concerns shall be responded to within 48 hours. Deficiencies must be repaired immediately, or the apparatus must be closed to the public.

In addition, the Town shall provide an after-hours phone number for emergency calls from the public.

1. Playground Area Inspections

- a. The Town of Olds will conduct routine inspections of all playgrounds on a monthly frequency to ensure Canada Safety Association guidelines are met.
- b. Documentation from these inspections will be recorded and kept on file as per Legislation and the Town's Records and Information Management Bylaw.
- c. Annual inspection to be completed as per CSA – Z614:20

2. New Construction

- a. All new construction or replacement of playground equipment must confirm to CSA – Z614:20 standards; and
- b. Administration will create a Playground Replacement Plan as part of the Town's asset management process and bring forward budgetary recommendations to Council based on this plan.
- c. All playground replacements and new installations are coordinated through the playground replacement plan and undertaken by certified contractors.