

**INCIDENT INVESTIGATION ASSIGNMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

**Playground Equipment**

**DOCUMENT NUMBER:**

**DATE OF INCIDENT:**

**CATID: TYNN32 2020**

**FOLLOW-UP REQUESTED**

**HAZARD ANALYSIS  COMPLIANCE**

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**ASSIGNMENT MESSAGE:**

Information on deaths and severe injuries associated with home and public playground equipment should be investigated. This information will be used in support of voluntary standards activities to address playground hazards. In addition, deaths or serious injuries that occur in indoor "pay-for-play" settings, fast-food restaurants, and plastic toy-like indoor/outdoor units for young children are of interest. Incidents involving newer or unusual types of equipment, burns, entrapment, or strangulation are of particular concern.

Provide product description, including materials of construction, brand name, model; photograph product if possible. Determine age of product, manufacturer, and place of purchase. Sketch the layout of equipment indicating horizontal distances between structures and extent of surfacing in all directions.

Determine sequence/scenario of events, treatment administered, and patient disposition. If more than one person was involved, explain how others were involved. Collect all official documentation (paramedics, police, and coroner reports, medical records, death certificate).

Determine if product characteristics, design features, or failures were a factor. Determine if spacing of equipment or any protrusions played a role. If victim fell, determine fall distance and surface (type and depth) landed on. If entrapment was involved, obtain dimensions of area of entrapment. If a burn was involved, determine weather conditions at time of incident, shading (if applicable), and identify approximate north direction on layout sketch. For head injuries, document point of impact, material contacted, and for non-fall incidents, any external forces that may be a factor.

If a swing, determine composition (e.g., wood, metal, plastic, etc.) of swing seat, and whether victim was alone or with others. If a fall from a slide, determine size of horizontal section at top of slide and height of side walls. If an object that spins, determine speed (rotations/second).

**Please include all primary and all backup contacts in the distribution of the completed IDI.**

----- Area below will be completed in Data Systems -----

**Person(s) to Contact:**

**Guidelines: Appendix 39 - Playground Equipment**

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**Assigned to:**

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