



Inspections And Maintenance Services - March 2018

Your responsibility as Owner/Operator

Having invested a considerable amount of time and effort, not to mention valuable funds into your play area, it is important to ensure that it stays in tip –top condition. As well as your legal responsibilities, the old adage “a stitch in time saves nine” is very pertinent – your playground will serve you well if you maintain it well.

Your play area will have been designed and installed in accordance with the following standards, and it is the owner/operator’s responsibility to ensure it is **inspected and maintained** in accordance with these standards:

- Playground Equipment & Surfacing - BS EN 1176 & 1177: 2008
- MUGA's (Multi Use Games Areas) - BS EN 15312 - Free Access Multi Sports
- Skate Parks: BS EN 14974 - Roller Sports Equipment
- Outdoor Fitness Equipment – BS EN 16639: 2015
- Parkour Equipment – BS 10075: 2013

In addition, you have a duty of care to your users and you have responsibilities in relation to The Health and Safety at Work Act, the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations and The Occupiers Liability Act.

Pennine’s Inspection Service Reporting

Our state-of-the-art Playground Inspection software allows you and us complete transparency and traceability of your playground inspections. Our clients are able to login to their own Customer Profile and access the reports that we have created or alternatively we can provide you with emailed excel or pdf reports if you prefer. The reports include:

- List of all sites
- An inventory of all site items including site name, item name, manufacturer name if known and surfacing type
- Defect Tracking with Live Status information and fault details
- A summary of inspection findings
- A list of Inspections completed by date
- Item life expectancy allowing you to manage replacement cycles

With the onus of responsibility on the Owner/Operator to ensure that inspections are carried out in accordance with the EN1176 standards, and probably part of your insurer’s requirements, it’s vital to keep a track of what, where and how your Inspections take place. This is a fail-safe system which provides immediate information and more importantly, tracking of any outstanding remedials as well as records of all historic activity.

All this information is provided as part of our Inspection Service and all the information is stored on a secure, confidential server and will be saved and available for 21 years from the inspection date.

The Inspections in more detail

Post Installation Inspection

- Carried out by an RPII qualified Post Installation Inspector to carry out a very detailed initial inspection of your newly installed playground to ensure it meets the appropriate standards – a one-off inspection which is required as soon as your new playground build is completed
- A detailed written report will be produced with any recommendations

Routine Visual Inspections – Daily and Weekly

- Usually carried out by the Owner/Operator on a weekly basis, checking for obvious hazards such as broken parts, vandalism etc. For playgrounds with a high level of use or vandalism, a daily inspection regime may be required.
- A record of all inspections with notes of actions undertaken should be kept by the Owner/Operator

One off Operational Inspection

- Carried out by an RPII qualified Operational Inspector to check stability of equipment and safety surfacing
- Looking in more detail at the condition of the equipment; providing a quality control check and identifying wear and tear on the equipment
- Whilst on site we'll carry out up to 30 mins of basic remedial actions including bolt tightening
- A detailed written report will be produced with recommendations for any actions

Monthly Operational Inspection

- Carried out by an RPII qualified Operational Inspector to check stability of equipment and safety surfacing
- Looking in more detail at the condition of the equipment; providing a quality control check and identifying wear and tear on the equipment
- Whilst on site we'll carry out up to 30 mins of basic remedial actions including bolt tightening
- A detailed written report will be produced with recommendations for any actions

Quarterly Operational Inspection

- Carried out by an RPII qualified Operational Inspector to check stability of equipment and safety surfacing
- Looking in more detail at the condition of the equipment; providing a quality control check and identifying wear and tear on the equipment
- Whilst on site we'll carry out up to 30 mins of basic remedial actions including bolt tightening
- A detailed written report will be produced with recommendations for any actions

Annual Main Inspection

- Carried out by an RPII qualified Annual Inspector to check overall level of safety of your playground equipment, foundations and surfaces and compliance with the relevant parts of the BSEN Standards.
- A detailed written report will be produced with recommendations for any actions

Team Pennine – RPII Qualified Engineers

All our Play Engineers are RPII qualified and registered as well as DBS checked. Collectively, our team have over two centuries of playground experience! And this is really where we stand out from the crowd – our Site Engineers are “Outdoor Playground Professionals” in their own right – they are seriously time-served employees who genuinely care. The Engineers that carry out the Inspections also oversee and action the maintenance that has been highlighted to ensure that your play facilities continue to be safe to use as well as preserving their longevity.

Inspection Packages

No single playground is the same as another and we will tailor our Inspection Programme to best suit your requirements – a little-used rural playground will not require the same care and maintenance as a highly frequented playground attraction.

One-off Inspections Per Site:

- Post Installation Inspection
- Operational Inspection
- Operational Inspection with up to 30 minutes of basic remedial works
- Annual Inspection

Regular Annual Support Per Site

- 3 Quarterly Operational Inspections with up to 30 minutes of basic remedial works
- Annual Inspection
- Detailed written reports
- No obligation quotation for any works required

Super User Annual Support Per Site

- 11 Monthly Operational Inspections with up to 30 minutes of basic remedial works
- Annual Inspection
- Detailed written reports
- No obligation quotation for any works required

Bespoke User Packages

- Any number of sites, frequency and type of Inspection to suit your needs