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SGS Playground Safety Inspection Service to Safeguard Children during Playtime



Playgrounds and outdoor play equipment offer fresh air, friends, fun, and exercise. However, it can be expected that children may use them in unintended and unanticipated ways which can cause injuries, or even death. Therefore, it's important to make sure that faulty equipment, improper surfaces, and unsafe behaviour don't ruin the fun.

SGS is glad to introduce our new Playground Safety Inspection Service by providing various on-site safety inspections for public playgrounds, indoor or outdoor, which are intended for children aged 2 to 12, including but not limited to, those in parks, playhouses, restaurants, hotels, estates, and schools.

Common hazards from various equipment include:

EQUIPMENT	TYPES OF HAZARDS				
	Head & Neck Entrapment	Protrusions	Crush & Shear Points	Entanglement	Sharp Point / Edge
Slide 				✓	✓
Swing 		✓		✓	
Climber 	✓				
Hanging Rings 				✓	
Seesaws 			✓		✓
Track Rides 			✓		

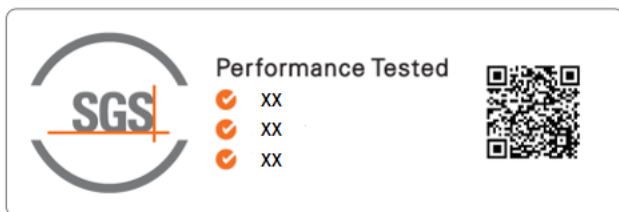
As of Nov 2022, our experts are the only inspectors from the TIC Industry in Hong Kong, to date, that are certified by the [National Recreation and Park Association \(NRPA\)](#) as their [International Playground Safety Inspector](#) where we can help to:

- recognize and prioritize hazards in public playgrounds and their equipment
- establish a long-term playground safety program

Our services include:

SERVICE	DESCRIPTION
Environment Inspection	Check the age-appropriateness of equipment
Equipment Inspection	Inspect the appearance, function, specification, & requirements of equipment
REFERENCE METHODS:	
CPSC Public Playground Safety Handbook, ASTM standards & CPSI certificate program by NRPA	

In addition, SGS has launched the [SGS Performance Mark](#) to help to differentiate your products or services and give you a competitive advantage in this crowded market. Designed by our experts, this test program is product specific and employs a combination of document examination and reviews, performance testing and claims verification.



This program:

- Validates claims
- Verifies and supports disclaimers
- Easily accessed by scanning a QR code or visiting the [SGS Certified Products](#) directory
- Increases consumer trust in your products or services, improving brand credibility and reputation

Products verified/certified under this scheme will qualify to display the SGS Performance Mark. It can be used on the product and in promotional materials and advertising to show end-users that performance has been verified and certified by experts.

Make your products stand out from the crowd with third-party independent product testing, evaluation and verification.

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