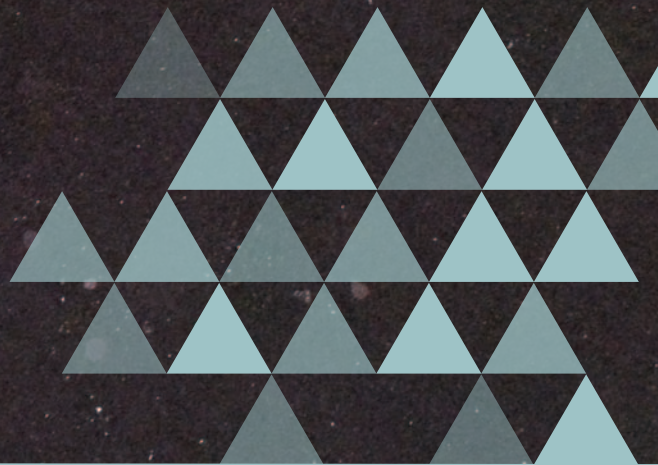


PLAYGROUND INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE



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HEALTH & SAFETY IN PLAY AREAS

40,000 injuries to children occur on playgrounds each year. The Government Code of Good Practice for Play Safety states that play areas shall be inspected weekly by a competent person, preferably by someone with some basic training. The Health & Safety at Work Act also requires those responsible for safety to be competent to carry out their role. Insurance companies are increasingly requiring that playground inspections are carried out by a competent person as this may influence the liability and/or value of any potential claims.

The Management of Health & Safety at Work Regulations 1999 also states that health and safety training should be repeated periodically where appropriate and be adapted to take account of any new or changed risks to the health and safety of those concerned.

RoSPA recommend conducting a regime of weekly recorded routine visual inspections of the play area, looking for very obvious faults, and a monthly, more detailed operational inspection. It is important that the fact that these inspections have taken place is recorded and the records kept.

Provision of play areas to the European Standards EN1176 and EN1177 is a requirement under the Health & Safety at Work Act, and represents good practice in the event of an accident claim. Although compliance with these standards will not automatically create a safe playground, compliance is considered good practice and shows that providers are exercising their legal 'duty of care'.

Maintenance Playground Inspection courses focus on the identification of hazards and understanding of playground safety standards, but maintenance and prevention measures are given minimal coverage. We are able to offer a Playground Maintenance course designed to address this gap. Inspections, standards, risk management etc are all covered but the emphasis is on maintenance issues and would be of specific interest to those whose job it is to maintain play equipment on a day to day basis.

The Register of Play Inspectors International (RPII) is the nationally recognised body for the examination of and registration of playground inspectors who are competent to carry out inspections to the EN standards. Our inspection courses are provided to RPII standards, and our candidates are examined by RPII examiners, and when successful are registered with the RPII as competent inspectors.

PLAYGROUND INSPECTION

Training and Assessment

The aim of the Inspection programmes is to enable delegates to carry out either routine visual or operational playground inspections safely, in accordance with EN1176 & EN1177 and to take appropriate follow up actions.

If required, we can assess individual playground inspectors to the national RPII standards and register their competence with RPII for 3 years.

ROUTINE VISUAL INSPECTIONS

OPTION 1 : 1 Day training only

OPTION 2 : 1 Day training & RPII assessment

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Anyone responsible for carrying out routine visual (daily/weekly) inspections of children's play equipment or play areas. Those completing the course will be eligible to take the Register of Play Inspectors International assessment for routine visual inspections on the same day (option 2: extra charges apply).

CERTIFICATION

OPTION 1 : a STC certificate of training

OPTION 2 : a STC certificate of training and registration with **RPII** for routine visual inspections on successful completion of the assessment.

COURSE CONTENT

- ▶ Introduction to safety
- ▶ Playground accidents, types, severity and reasons
- ▶ The legal framework for playgrounds and inspections; negligence, case law, Acts of Parliament Health & Safety at Work
- ▶ A working knowledge of the European playground standards EN1176 & EN1177
- ▶ Types and hierarchy of playground inspections
- ▶ Risk assessment
- ▶ Principles of risk assessment
- ▶ Using risk assessments to make decisions and appropriate follow up actions
- ▶ Reporting and paperwork
- ▶ How to inspect adequately and safely (including approaches to playgrounds; playground surroundings; and the active playground area, including non-play items)
- ▶ Common faults with popular equipment
- ▶ Practical on-site inspection
- ▶ Optional RPII assessment

OPERATIONAL INSPECTIONS

OPTION 1 : 2 Days training only

OPTION 2 : 2 Days training & RPII assessment

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Anyone responsible for carrying out operational (one to three monthly) inspections of play equipment or play areas and those in a supervisory or maintenance role.

Those completing the 2 day course will be eligible to take the Register of Play Inspectors International assessment for operational inspections (option 2: extra charges apply).

CERTIFICATION

OPTION 1 : a STC certificate of training

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COURSE CONTENT

- ▶ Introduction to safety
- ▶ The importance of play to children and child development
- ▶ Playground accidents, types, severity and reasons
- ▶ The legal framework for playgrounds and inspections; negligence, case law, Health & Safety at Work Act
- ▶ A general knowledge of the European playground standards EN1176 & EN1177
- ▶ Types and hierarchy of inspections
- ▶ Risk assessment
- ▶ Principles of risk assessment
- ▶ Using risk assessments to make decisions and appropriate follow up actions
- ▶ Reporting and paperwork
- ▶ Inspection of specific play equipment or play features including surfacing
- ▶ Checking of maintenance and other playground actions taken
- ▶ Common faults with popular items
- ▶ How to inspect appropriately and safely (including approaches to playgrounds; playground surroundings; and the active playground area including non-play items)
- ▶ Practical on-site inspection
- ▶ Optional RPII assessment

OPERATIONAL INSPECTIONS

(REFRESHER ONLY)

OPTION 1 : 2 Days training only

OPTION 2 : 2 Days training & RPII assessment

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This is a refresher course, so is only suitable for those who have attended a two day training course on Operational Inspections of Children's Playgrounds within the past three years. A Skills Training Centre certificate will be issued to those who complete the course.

(NB. Any candidates who attended the two day course more than three years ago will have to re-attend the two day course outlined above.)

Those completing the 1 day refresher course will be eligible to take the Register of Play Inspectors International assessment for operational inspections (option 2: extra charges apply).

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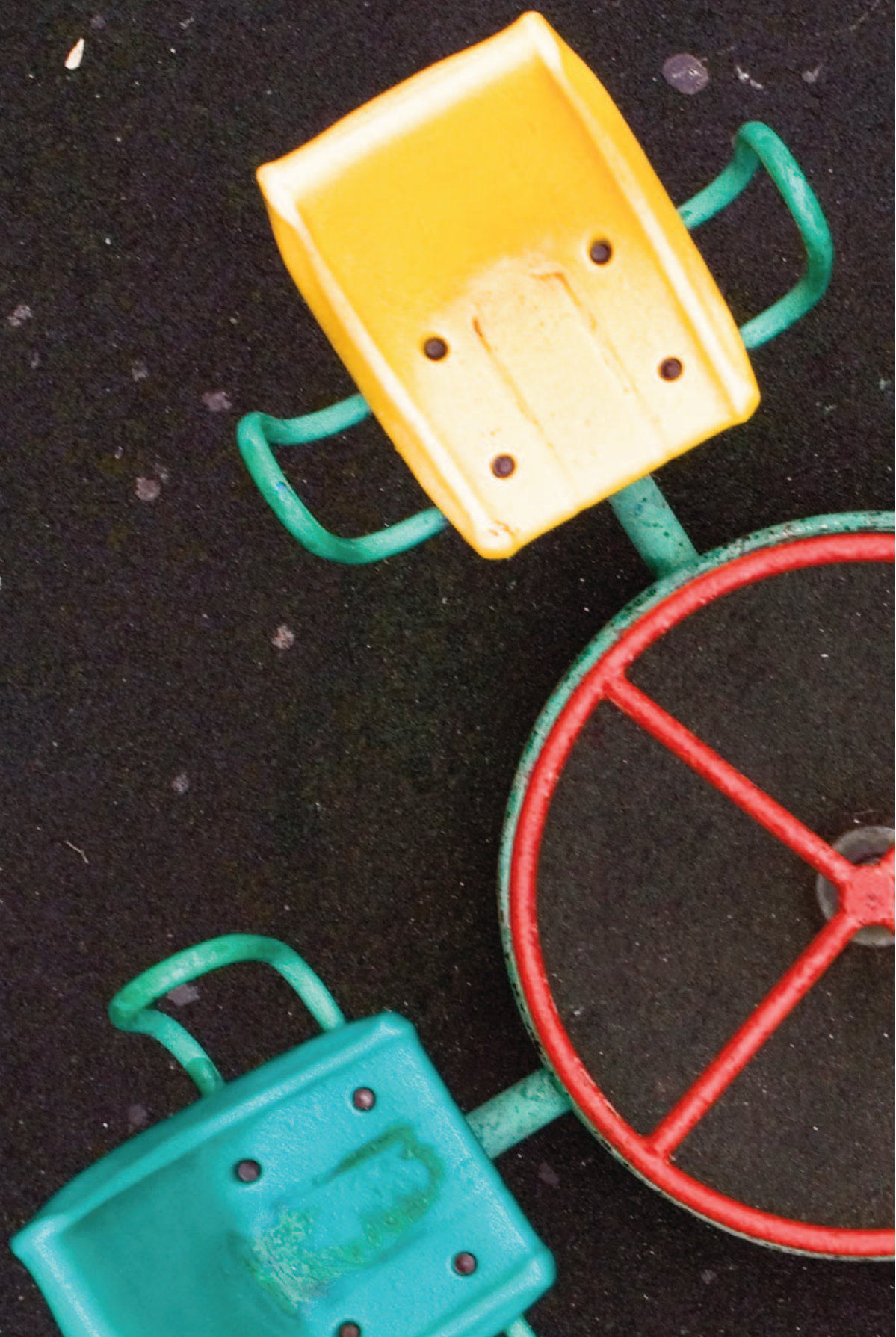
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COURSE CONTENT

- ▶ See two day course to the left





PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE

Training

The aim of this programme is to provide practical and theoretical guidance on the maintenance of all the main types of playground equipment and various elements of the general playground site.

PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Anyone who has responsibility for looking after playgrounds in terms of managing and inspecting play sites and maintaining and repairing equipment. The course has been designed to meet an identified need to provide more detailed training on the maintenance side of playground management.

CERTIFICATION

All candidates attending this course will receive a STC certificate of training

COURSE CONTENT

- ▶ Legal requirements
- ▶ Overview of maintenance clauses in the playground standards
- ▶ Practical Maintenance and Inspection Methodology for each of the following:
 - ▶ Swings
 - ▶ Rocking equipment
 - ▶ Rotating equipment
 - ▶ Cable runways
 - ▶ Space nets and rope structures
 - ▶ Static equipment – e.g. climbing frames, multi units, agility trails, slides
- ▶ Self-built or custom-made equipment
- ▶ Natural elements – e.g. sand, water, boulders, tree trunks
- ▶ Ancillary Items – gates, fences, seats, bins, signs
- ▶ Planting and soft landscaping
- ▶ Different types of playground surfacing
- ▶ Common maintenance issues such as damage, wear and tear, vandalism etc.
 - ▶ Samples of broken or worn components, fixings etc.
 - ▶ Q & A on maintenance
- ▶ Use of Risk Assessment in prioritising maintenance repairs





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