

General Inspection/Maintenance Procedure

We would recommend the following inspection/maintenance procedure (which complies with the guidelines set out in EN1176-1-7) be implemented upon your play area.

Lappset Playworld playground equipment is simple to look after. Due to the natural expansion and contraction of the timber, from dry summer to damp winter season, it is necessary for light maintenance to bolt and screw joints. Nets, ropes and chains should also be checked annually. .

Daily and weekly routine visual inspection

- Check for vandalism on all equipment. Check Safer Surfacing (see below).
- Check all parts are secure by physically moving items.

Three monthly recorded inspections

This is a more detailed inspection to check the stability and operation of the equipment. Particular attention should be given to:

- Missing or loose nuts and bolts
- Inspecting for bending, warping, cracking, breaking, loosening or missing parts
- Inspecting welds for corrosion/cracks
- Inspection of the surface finish for missing protective coating, rusting, rot or other corrosion, particularly at or just below the point of entry into the ground
- Inspection of mechanical devices and other moving parts for signs of unacceptable wear or other deterioration.
- Oiling or greasing all moving parts.
- Tightening and adjustment of all bolts, nuts, screws, straining wires and similar parts.
- Check ropes for vandalism/wear.
- Inspect foundations for cracks, loose in ground etc.

Annual Inspections

This inspection is to be carried out by a competent person in strict accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and should incorporate all of the above.

Rubber safer surface

- Remove litter and rubbish, keep the surfacing and surrounds clean and free from materials which may be injurious to the surfacing, such as bottles, tins etc. Combustible litter in particular encourages vandalism. Any damage which may affect the guarantee should be reported immediately and repaired.
- During the autumn period remove fallen leaves and other debris. If allowed to remain these will decompose thereby changing the characteristics of the surfacing and promoting the growth of algae and moss.
- Sweep off access paths, gateways and surfacing with a stiff broom.
- Annually hose off and clean the surfacing using a medium to high pressure hose with clean water. Where necessary brush to remove dirt adhering to the surface.
- Cut back any overhanging trees since sap falling onto the surface will make it sticky.

Loosefill safer surfacing

- Check for any debris and regularly rake over area ensuring that the correct level of loosefill is achieved at all times.