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Open Spaces

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General Considerations

- What is its proximity to other hazards, are they marked?
- ADA accommodations marked
- Signage with dates indicating times of regular maintenance
- Hazards from flora (Cactus, poison oak)



What are potential outdoor trouble areas?

- Baseball Diamonds
- Grass fields
- Pocket Parks (picnic table)
- Plazas
- BMX/Moto-Cross Tracks
- Ice rink
- Wetlands
- Tennis Courts
- Golf Course
- Lakes and Ponds
- Cemetery



Diamond Difficulties

- Written use program
- Fields are maintained
- Bleachers are inspected and maintained
- Electrical systems are maintained and protected
- Chain link fencing is inspected and maintained
- Mark off foul ball area



Back to the old ballgame..

- Bases and mound are complete and free from holes or tears
- Spikes from chain link are directed toward the dirt
- Wooden additions are complete and do not form spears etc. on the play field
- Maintenance equipment and other items not in use are stored away from public access





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Grass Fields

- What is it's proximity to natural hazards
- Control conditions of areas intended to contain runoff
- Electrical systems are maintained and protected
- Hazard and ADA signs are appropriately posted
- Parking areas are safe and maintained (Lighting)
- Bridges over water are safe and maintained



Grassy Areas Cont..

- Culverts are protected from entry. Sharp edges and impalement hazards are addressed
- Look for and repair **depressions** from main grade of field (gopher holes)
- Free from debris
- Location and condition of sprinkler box/electrical box
- Roots
- Impalement hazards
- User's adjustments (zip line)



Pocket Parks (Roadside picnic parks)

- Appropriate speed limits
- Mark potential hazards
- Barriers from traffic?
- Safe access through planned parking
- ADA, Be careful with gravel
- Monitor condition of old trees



Plazas

- Trip and fall
- Impalement on objects
- Bacteria in fountains
- Hazards from flora (Cactus, poison oak)
- Condition of fixtures, benches, handrails
- Electrical



BMX/Moto Cross

- 1st and 2nd lines of protection are engineered and maintained No Stationary objects
- Jumps and multiples are within guidelines regarding height and distance on Strutters, tabletops, whoop sections..
- Track conditions must be maintained. All materials must be natural and contain no building rubble
- Any overhead obstacles like bridges, branches must be greater than 11.5'
- Limit use when wet
- Track should be able to be isolated when needed



Ice Rink (outdoor)

- Supervise use of rink
- Establish safety rules especially regarding hockey. Do not allow people on the ice without skates and proper safety equipment
- Maintain Surface of ice meaning no gouges, ridges, holes etc
- Limit access when conditions are unsafe
- Flood and
- Maintain edges to ensure safe access and egress
- If electrical is used, all cords must remain in the air, not buried with snow
- Post Hazards



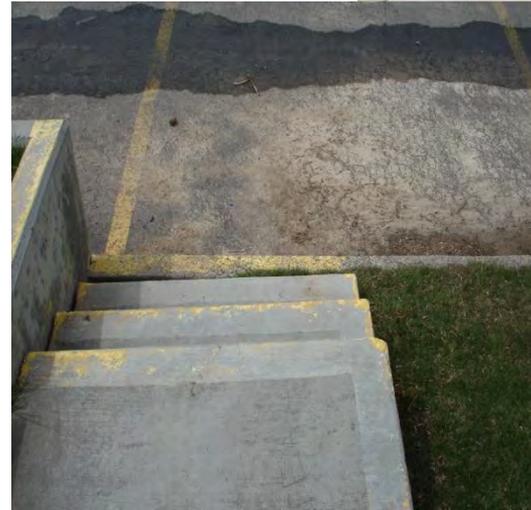
Wetlands

- Condition of walking path/riding path (erosion)
- Handrails
- Adjacent Flora
- Nuisance Pest Management (other than chemical i.e. thin vegetation, deeper habitats, open water to assist predators etc.)
- Sign hazards



Tennis Courts

- Condition of net, holes, cords entanglement
- Horizontal and Vertical separations in court
- Uneven surface due to bulging (grass)
- Approach to courts including handrails, stairs
- Condition of the fence and single player features must be secure
- Benches, line judge chairs and other features must be maintained



Golf Course

- Written Cart use policy
Hazards are appropriately marked
- Sprinkler and Valve Boxes are in good condition
- Housekeeping throughout shop and public areas
Check in/out procedure for safe operating condition of the cart
- Bridges



Lakes and Ponds

- Remove debris
- Cut down tall weeds
- Maintain fences
- Post signs
- Maintain bridges, piers, rock piles, islands, trees with branches extending over water



Cemeteries

- Vertical headstones are inspected and secured
- Drives maintained Trees and Shrubs are regularly trimmed
- Sprinklers and Valve boxes clearly marked and/or to grade
- Hoses are coiled and stored away from walk areas
- Post rules and policies outlining criteria for cleanup



Tie up

- Open areas are not just a drive by inspection from the truck
- Some exposures are not what you think..Not always grandiose
- Invest time to discover some of your entity's blind spots
- Question and reason with norms



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