

Assessment: The Safety of Toys and Equipment

Arrange a field trip to a child care center to assess the safety of toys and equipment. Complete handout by listing 15 items you will inspect at this facility. For each item listed, make a determination of its condition and write a recommendation on whether it is appropriate or should it be discarded, recycled, repaired or replaced. Support each recommendation you make. Answer the questions below.

Toys/Equipment	Safety Recommendation	Explanation

Name _____ Period _____ Date _____

Toy/Equipment	Safety Recommendation	Explanation

Upon approval of the teacher, students can present assessment of toys/equipment to the child care provider.

What is some safety features child care providers should look for in toys?

Why is supervision so important when children are playing with toys and other equipment?

Why should caregivers and parents heed the warnings such as “Not intended for Children under Age _____”?

Please explain “Size should be larger than the child’s two fists” concerning toys and why is this important?