

REQUIRED PERIODIC MAINTENANCE

All outdoor wooden products, including Playground, Inc products, require routine inspection and regular maintenance. After installation, a follow-up inspection should take place after one week and twice a month thereafter for the remaining life of your play products. Maintenance should be performed at any time it is deemed necessary. As a general rule, major maintenance (wood refinishing) should be performed at twelve month intervals from the date of installation. Inspect and perform maintenance based on the following checklist.

Major wood parts: inspect for splintering and structural defects. If necessary, lightly sand and refinish with an exterior water repellent stain.

Rungs (dowels): inspect for splintering and structural defects. If necessary, lightly sand and refinish with a clear water repellent exterior sealant or boiled linseed oil. Do not paint or varnish the rungs or finish with any substance that may reduce your child's ability to firmly grasp or step on the rungs.

Hardware: inspect for tightness. Be certain that hardware is firmly against, but not crushing the wood. Over-tightening hardware crushes wood fibers and splits wooden components and could result in the bolt threads extending beyond the wood and presenting a severe safety hazard. If splintering has occurred from over tightening, larger washers can be purchased at your local hardware store and installed under the bolt head. Be sure to reuse or replace your lock washers.

If over-tightening has caused the bolt threads to protrude beyond the wood surface, replace the bolt with a shorter one that will not protrude. These bolts are standard items and can be purchased at your local hardware store.

Swing hangers: check to insure correct installation. Make sure that the bend of the swing hanger is positioned tightly against the stop washer and the ladder or swing beam. The axis of the swing hanger bushing must be perpendicular to the swing motion. If squeaking occurs, the nylon bushings can be sprayed with wd-40 or other household lubricant.