



Playground Inspection & Maintenance Service

Offer 1

Site Visit:
Introductory inspection

£49.00* plus VAT

*plus travelling costs

Offer 2

Operational Inspection
(four inspections over 12 month period) - **Term Contract - one or more years**

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Want to know more?
Contact Us:

If you would like to discuss a more bespoke requirement please call us on:

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or email eddie.peters@vertas.co.uk

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Terms & Conditions:

- Introductory offer relates to new customers / clients only
- Instructions must be conveyed in writing with an official order
- Reasonable access to the site being granted during normal working hours, to include vehicles, plant and equipment
- Prices shown relate to individual sites not exceeding 200m² in size
- Inspections will be scheduled to ensure optimum efficiencies in working patterns
- Recommendations shall be in a form determined by Vertas unless otherwise agreed
- Actual costs incurred by Vertas shall be recoverable from the customer / client if the service is cancelled after the work has commenced



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Making the difference...



About Us







Do you have a children's play area on your site?

Do you carry out regular inspections in accordance with industry recommendations to ensure equipment is safe to use?

At Vertas, safety is paramount to everything we do and offer to our customers and clients.

Our team of experts are on hand to advise and assess your children's play equipment to ensure you comply with your duty of care under the Health & Safety at Work Act and:

-  Maintain the site and equipment in good working order
-  Ensure the site is fit for purpose
-  Identify risks and take appropriate corrective action
-  Undertake regular inspections and document findings



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Introductory, no obligation site visit to assess your play equipment in accordance with industry standards, providing our written report with recommendations.

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Offer 2

Operational Inspection (four visits per year)

Price is negotiable based the on size of the site and range and type of equipment to be inspected.

Further reductions on price are available if other Vertas services are considered as part of the package.

Staged approach to Risk Management

Our staged approach to risk management helps you understand the process we take in maintaining your site in a safe condition.

Stage 1

Assessment of the potential for harm, providing a ranking by location

High Medium Low No



Stage 2

Visual inspection resulting in identification of obvious defects and need for action or remedial works



Stage 3

Close examination of moving parts, assessment of the likelihood of mechanical failure, severity of wear and tear, identification of trip hazards plus body and limb entrapments, general compliance with industry standards



Stage 4

The identification of high, medium and low risks, permitting high risk areas to be urgently attended to and the scheduling / budgeting of longer-term improvements. Our recommendations will be supplied in a written report



Inspector competence spectrum (experience and/or qualifications)

-  Layman
-  Specialist

What can you expect from the Vertas Playground Inspection and Maintenance Service?

Your responsibility

The Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 imposes a responsibility on those providing children's equipped playgrounds to ensure that they are 'Fit for Purpose'.

The Industry recommends that play equipment should be inspected (Risk Assessed) on a regular basis to ensure faulty equipment is identified and action taken to prevent injury to the user of the facility.

The inspection regime should take the form of:

- ✓ **Routine visual inspection:** daily or at least weekly visual inspection recorded in writing to check for obvious defects
- ✓ **Operational inspection:** technical assessment made to check for wear and tear, structural stability, integrity of sealed parts and continued suitability of site (fit for purpose)
- ✓ **Annual inspection:** Independent assessment of equipment by a qualified Engineer trained and experienced in the design and installation of fixed play equipment. Vertas is able to commission this work, if required and would typically be via RoSPA.

What is included In our Operational Inspection?

- ✓ **Risks prioritised** in accordance with our staged approach, i.e. high, medium and low risks

- ✓ **Serious defects / faulty equipment reported** immediately after it is discovered
- ✓ **Inspections carried out in accordance with industry standards**, i.e. BS EN 1176 (playground equipment) and BS EN 1177 (playground safety surfacing)
- ✓ **A written report** providing a detailed condition assessment of play equipment and general site
- ✓ **Recommendations** for urgent and future action
- ✓ **A record of inspection** to help defend litigation claims should there be an unfortunate accident involving injury to a child using the play equipment
- ✓ **Trained staff** with appropriate public liability insurance

What is NOT included but is available at an additional cost

- **Repairs** to equipment found to be faulty
- **Faulty equipment rendered inoperable** to use
- **Replacement of any equipment** found to be damaged, faulty or defective and beyond repair
- **Re-design** of playground to improve play values and safety. NB. Please note that Vertas offer a separate design and build service for playground design and installation

What you get with our Inspection

The inspection results are presented to you in a simple format with no jargon, see example below:


Specific hazards identified and categorised as High, Medium and Low.

Finding Summary					
Site name	Asset Name	Finding Title	Creation Date	Resolve By Date	Risk Level
Castle Park	Site	Surface - Poor Drainage	12/04/2016 09:58.00	12/10/2016 09:58.00	Medium
Castle Park	Surface - Tiles	Surface Slippery	12/04/2016 09:58.00	13/07/2016 09:58.00	Medium
Castle Park	Carousel	Plastics/ Fibre Glass - Top Coat Damaged	12/04/2016 09:58.00	12/10/2016 09:58.00	Low
Castle Park	Seesaw	EN1176 [2008] - Compliance	12/04/2016 09:58.00	12/04/2016 09:58.00	Low
Castle Park	Surface - Tiles	Surface - Needs Repair	12/04/2016 09:58.00	13/07/2016 09:58.00	Low

Analysis by Risk Level

Finding Summary							
Asset Name	Finding Title	Finding Date	Location	Resolve by Date	Resolved Date	Risk Level	Cause
Carousel	Carousel-Bearings Worn	12/04/2016		12/04/2016		Very Low	Wear and Tear

Finding Images:
12/04/2016 09:11:00



Straight forward descriptions

Work Tracking Record

Risk Assessment Record

Photographic evidence and record

Simple and clear notes and instructions

The Team and how to contact them



Eddie Peters,
MSc, Cert Arb, DHE,
NEBOSH, QTRA

Eddie has over 30 years' experience in public and private sector and playground management and maintenance.

Before joining Vertas, Eddie held the position of Operations Manager at Ipswich Borough Council and was directly responsible for over 800 hectares of public open space plus 120 equipped play areas. Eddie held the position of Outdoor Leisure Manager at Canterbury City Council and worked with a number of colleagues and partners to secure external funds that enabled the Council's playgrounds to be maintained in a safe condition.

knowledge and experience when it comes to advising clients on the most cost effective approach to playground maintenance.



Iain McFadyen,
BSc Landscape &
Amenity Management,
Dip Landscape
Construction, IOSH

Iain has worked in the landscape industry for over 20 years and has gained his experience working in both the private and public sectors across the UK.

Iain held the position of Parks Development Officer at the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham between 1998 and 2008, Grounds Maintenance Manager for English Landscapes and Landscape Technician for a well-known Suffolk company before joining Vertas (formerly EFMS) in 2015. Iain possesses the skills and experience to provide the best possible advice to our clients and customers.



John Taylor,
Cert Arb, IOSH

John has over 30 years' experience in the private and public sectors.

Over the last 9 years, John has been in his current role successfully delivering a number of landscape projects, including the installation of play equipment and safety surfacing, replacement fencing, and soft landscaping across Suffolk.



Norman Perry,
IOSH, Cert Hort, HND
Visual Comms, Graphic
Design - Starpack Award.

A fully trained and successful landscape practitioner, Norman owned his own landscape design and installation business until joining Vertas in 2014.

His eye for detail and creative flair is put to good use when advising clients and customers about their options for making the most from available funds and budgets.



Philip Middleditch,
IOSH

Philip started his career working for a landscaping company based in Woodbridge,

Suffolk. Having worked in Local Government for over 39 years and worked on a variety of playground initiatives, overseeing projects from start to finish. Philip can call upon considerable

For more information:

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