

Chapter Hy 15

PLAYGROUND WARNING SIGNS

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History: Chapter Hy 15 as it existed on August 31, 1962 was repealed and a new chapter Hy 15 was created effective September 1, 1962.

Hy 15.01 General. (1) **AUTHORITY FOR THESE RULES.** Pursuant to section 346.57(4) (i), Wis. Stats., the commission prescribes these rules relating to the design, installation and use of movable Playground Warning signs to designate streets on which the 15 mile per hour speed limit provided for in section 346.57(4) (i) has been adopted.

(2) **MINOR VARIATIONS IN SIGN DESIGN.** These signs shall conform to the detailed design specifications given in these rules. Minor variations in the size, stroke and shape of letters, the width of border, and the size of signs are permitted.

History: Cr. Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62.

Hy 15.02 Design of standard Playground sign. (1) **SHAPE.** A Playground sign shall be a square with one diagonal vertical.

(2) **SIZE.** (a) The standard size Playground sign shall be 30 inches by 30 inches.

(b) The minimum size Playground sign shall be 24 inches by 24 inches.

(3) **MESSAGE AND BORDER.** The word "Playground" shall be in rounded letters 5 inches in height with a stroke of $\frac{5}{8}$ inch on a standard size sign. The width of the border on a standard size sign shall be $\frac{5}{8}$ inch and the margin shall be $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. The lettering and border for the minimum size sign shall be reduced proportionally.

(4) **COLOR.** The background of the sign shall be highway yellow. The word "Playground" and the border shall be black.

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Hy 15.03 Speed Limit sign. Wherever a Playground sign is used to designate a street on which a 15 mile per hour speed limit has been established pursuant to section 346.57(4) (i), Wis. Stats., a 15 Speed Limit When Children Are Present sign conforming to the description given in section Hy 12.02(2), Wis. Adm. Code, shall be mounted on the same support with, and immediately below, the Playground sign. This Speed Limit sign shall not be used alone.

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Hy 15.04 Installation of signs. (1) **SUPPORTS.** The Playground and Speed Limit signs shall be erected together on a movable support or other suitably designed support so that, when children are not going to or from the playground or are not playing in the playground area, the sign messages may not be read by motorists. This may be accomplished by any of the following means:

(a) A portable support so that the entire sign assembly may be removed when the playground is not in use.

(b) A support designed so that the signs may be rotated 90 degrees away from the roadway when the playground is not in use. Such a design shall include a means for securing the signs and support in each position.

(c) A permanent support with provision for covering the signs with a hood when the playground is not in use.

(d) Any other mounting system which will accomplish the purpose of making the sign messages invisible to traffic when the playground is not in use.

(2) **HEIGHT.** The bottom of the Speed Limit sign shall be not less than 6 feet nor more than 9 feet above the centerline grade of the roadway except that, if parking is prohibited at the edge of the roadway, the bottom of the Speed Limit sign may be as low as 4 feet above the centerline grade of the roadway.

(3) **PLACEMENT.** The Playground and Speed Limit signs shall be erected together on the right-hand side of the roadway at the point where the roadway becomes contiguous to or adjacent to the public park or recreation area in which children are playing. The signs shall be erected with their left edges approximately 1 foot back of the curb or, if there is no curb, not less than 6 feet nor more than 12 feet from the edge of the roadway. They shall be located where they will have satisfactory, unobstructed visibility when viewed from the traffic lane.

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Hy 15.05 Use of Playground signs. (1) **WHERE SIGNS MAY BE USED.** Playground signs may be erected on any city or village street, except a state trunk highway or connecting street, within, contiguous to or adjacent to a public park or recreation area when children are going to or from or are playing within such area.

(2) **SIGN SIZES.** (a) Minimum size signs may be used only on streets which have only one lane for traffic in each direction and a speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less on the street approaching the playground. Standard size signs may also be used on such streets.

(b) Standard size signs are the smallest which may be used on any street which does not qualify for the use of minimum size signs under (a).

(3) **REMOVING SIGNS.** At all times when the playground is not being used by children the signs shall be removed, turned or covered or their messages shall otherwise be obscured from traffic.

(4) **SIGN FOR TRAFFIC LEAVING THE PLAYGROUND AREA.** A standard Speed Limit sign conforming to chapter Hy 13, Wis. Adm. Code, showing the appropriate speed limit shall be erected on the street at the place where it leaves the playground area.

(5) **USE AT SCHOOLS.** The Playground sign shall not be used at school playgrounds where signs conforming to chapter Hy 12, Wis. Adm. Code, are required to be in place.

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