

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**History:** Chapter Hy 15 as it existed on August 31, 1962 was repealed and a new chapter Hy 15 was created effective September 1, 1962.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) **PERMISSIVE INTERIM STANDARDS.** Signs which comply with chapter Hy 15, as published in the Wisconsin Administrative Register for August, 1962, may be used before January 1, 1976, but after December 31, 1972 all new Playground sign installations, and after December 31, 1975 all Playground signs and their installation and use shall comply with these standards.

(3) **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; renum. (2) to be (3), and cr. (2), Register, June, 1972, No. 198, eff. 7-1-72.

**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 and minimum size Playground sign shall be 30 inches by 30 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 signs larger than the standard size sign shall be increased proportionally.

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

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62; am. (2) (a), r. (2) (b), am. (3), Register, June, 1972, No. 198, eff. 7-1-72.

**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 Speed Limit sign conforming to the description given in Wis. Adm. Code section Hy 12.02 (2), except that the panel reading "School" shall be omitted, shall be mounted on the same support with, and immediately below the Playground sign. This Speed Limit sign assembly

shall not be used alone. The panel with the words "When Children Are Present" shall always be used with the Playground and Speed Limit sign assembly.

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62; am. Register, June, 1972, No. 198, eff. 7-1-72.

**Hy 15.04 Installation of signs. (1) SUPPORTS.** When used as provided for in Hy 15.03, the Playground and Speed Limit signs shall be erected together on a suitably designed movable support so that when children are not going to or from the playground area, the signs may be moved so that their messages will not be displayed to motorists.

**(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 curb edge of the roadway, the bottom of the Speed Limit sign may be not less than 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.

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62; am. (1) and (2), Register, June, 1972, No. 198, eff. 7-1-72.

**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)** Standard size signs are the smallest which may be used on any street.

**(3) 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.

**(4) 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.

**History:** Cr. Register, August, 1962, No. 80, eff. 9-1-62; r. (2) (a), renum. (2) (b) to be (2) and am., r. (3), renum. (4) to be (3), and (5) to be (4), Register, June, 1972, No. 198, eff. 7-1-72.