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European foreword

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This document constitutes the eighth part of the EN 71 series of standards on safety of toys.

EN 71, *Safety of toys*, consists of the following parts:

- *Part 1: Mechanical and physical properties;*
- *Part 2: Flammability;*
- *Part 3: Migration of certain elements;*
- *Part 4: Experimental sets for chemistry and related activities;*
- *Part 5: Chemical toys (sets) other than experimental sets;*
- *Part 7: Finger paints — Requirements and test methods;*
- *Part 8: Activity toys for domestic use (this document);*
- *Part 10: Organic chemical compounds — Sample preparation and extraction;*
- *Part 11: Organic chemical compounds — Methods of analysis;*
- *Part 12: N-Nitrosamines and N-nitrosatable substances;*
- *Part 13: Olfactory board games, cosmetic kits and gustative games;*
- *Part 14: Trampolines for domestic use;*
- *Part 15: Formamide in foam toy materials (content);*
- *Part 16: Certain chlorinated phosphorus flame retardants (TCEP, TCPP, TDCP) in toy materials;*
- *Part 17: Certain isothiazolinones (MIT, CIT, BIT) in aqueous toy materials;*

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- *Part 18: Phenol in aqueous (content) and polymeric (migration) toy materials;*
- *Part 19: Migration of bisphenol A from toy materials;*
- *Part 20: Microbiological safety of toys containing accessible aqueous media.*

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NOTE 1 In addition to the above parts of EN 71, the following deliverables have been published:

- CEN/TR 15071, *Safety of toys — National translations of warnings and instructions for use in the EN 71 series;*
- CEN/TR 15371 (all parts), *Safety of toys — Interpretations;*
- CEN/TR 16918, *Safety of toys — Children's mouthing behaviour in contact with toys;*
- CEN/TR 17695, *Safety of toys — Mechanical and physical properties — Guidance on categorisation of projectile toys within EN 71-1;*
- CEN/TS 17973, *Safety of toys — Categorization of slime type materials;*
- CEN/TR 18217, *Safety of toys — Migration of certain elements from polymers;*
- CEN/TR 18240, *Safety of toys — Mechanical and physical properties — Guidance on the requirements for food-imitating toys in EN 71-1;* and
- CEN ISO/TR 8124-8, *Safety of toys — Part 8: Age determination — First age grade for the appropriate play of toys.*

NOTE 2 Words in *italics* (apart from document titles) are defined in Clause 3 (Terms and definitions).

The following significant changes have been implemented in this new edition:

Clause/Paragraph/Table/Figure	Change
1	The scope has been revised to remove the exclusion for inflatable activity toys, thus including them in the scope.
3	New terms and definitions for constant-air inflatable activity toy (3.6), contained-air inflatable activity toy (3.7), grasp (3.15), grip (3.16) and inflatable activity toy (3.18) have been added.
4.1.6	Requirements for means of suspension for swing elements have been revised.
4.2.2	Requirements for ladders and similar means of access to activity toys have been revised.
4.3	Requirements for entrapment, in particular of head and neck (4.3.1) and of fingers (4.3.4), have been revised.
4.6.4	Requirements for minimum clearance between adjacent swing devices and adjacent structures have been revised.
4.10	Requirements for inflatable activity toys have been added.

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5.4	Requirements on assembly and installation instructions have been slightly revised.
6.7	The title of 6.7 has been changed to “Measurement of slide inclination and dimensions” and an additional test method on measurement of slide dimensions (6.7.3) has been added.
6.8	The test method for diameter of ropes and other means of suspension has been revised.
6.12	A new test method for strength of inflatable activity toy anchors has been added.
6.13	A new test method for deflation of inflatable activity toys has been added.
Annex A	Several rationales, e.g. on activity toys/scope (Clause A.1), Ladders and similar means of access to activity toys (Clause A.6) and entrapment (Clause A.7) have been revised and new rationales on diameter of ropes and other means of suspension (Clause A.16), inflatable activity toys (Clause A.17) and falling hazards (Clause A.18) have been added.

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1 Scope

This document specifies requirements and test methods for *activity toys*.

This document also specifies requirements for:

- separately sold accessories for, and components of *activity toys*;
- separately sold swing elements that are ready for use on or in combination with an *activity toy*;
- construction packages for *activity toys* including components used to build *activity toys* in accordance with a scheduled building instruction.

The scope of this document excludes:

- playground equipment intended for public use dealt with in the EN 1176 series;
- bow-mounted rocking *activity toys* such as rocking horses and similar toys, which are covered by specific requirements in EN 71-1;
- toy pools with maximum depth of water over 400 mm measured, between the overflow level and the deepest point within the pool;

NOTE 1 For information regarding the classification of pools as toys see European Commission guidance document No. 8 on the application of the Directive 2009/48/EC on the safety of toys – Pools [1].

- pools with maximum depth of water over 400 mm measured, between the overflow level and the deepest point within the pool, without play elements covered e.g. by the EN 16582 series or EN 16927.

NOTE 2 There is an enhanced risk of drowning in pools where the depth of water is in excess of 400 mm.

- toy slides designed to be used in conjunction with domestic in-ground swimming pools;
- trampolines for domestic use dealt with in EN 71-14;
- powered blowers used to continuously inflate *inflatable activity toys*.

NOTE 3 Powered blowers used to continuously inflate *inflatable activity toys* are considered to be a household appliance and covered by requirements given in EN 60335-2-80.

See also Clause A.1.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 71-1:2026, *Safety of toys — Part 1: Mechanical and physical properties*

EN ISO 7010:2020, *Graphical symbols — Safety colours and safety signs — Registered safety signs (ISO 7010:2019, Corrected version 2020-06)*

EN ISO 21920-2:2022, *Geometrical product specifications (GPS) — Surface texture: Profile — Part 2: Terms, definitions and surface texture parameters (ISO 21920-2:2021, Corrected version 2022-06)*