

Playground equipment and surfacing —

Part 5: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for carousels

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National foreword

This British Standard is the UK implementation of EN 1176-5:2008. It supersedes BS EN 1176-5:1999 which will be withdrawn on 31 May 2009.

The UK participation in its preparation was entrusted to Technical Committee SW/65, Children's playground equipment.

Operators and providers are advised that equipment conforming to EN 1176 require regular maintenance. Guidance on this and appropriate inspection, maintenance and operation schedules are contained within BS EN 1176-7:2008.

National standards have been published by BSI on children's playground equipment since BS 3178 was first issued in 1959, this standard concentrated on specifications for specific types of equipment. It was replaced in 1979 by BS 5696 which switched focus to a design and safety approach.

With the increasing introduction of overseas equipment BSI led the way by calling for a European Standard to address the conflicting safety advice and standards from other countries. This was published in 1999 as BS EN 1176 and further focused on the safety of playground equipment.

All standards published by BSI are regularly assessed and this revision is part of the process, it takes into account new design concepts and the operating experience available to the standards committees.

It is advised that the previous version of BS EN 1176 will not be withdrawn until 31 May 2009 to give manufacturers time to amend their product lines.

Playground equipment not complying with this revision should not automatically be considered as being unsafe or to require replacement. A risk assessment by competent persons should be used to determine what action, if any, is necessary. Manufacturers and Inspectors of the Register of Play Inspectors International (RPII) are amongst those that will be able to assist in this.

A list of organizations represented on this committee can be obtained on request to its secretary.

This publication does not purport to include all the necessary provisions of a contract. Users are responsible for its correct application.

Compliance with a British Standard cannot confer immunity from legal obligations.

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