

Fact Sheet

AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS FOR PLAYGROUNDS

The Australian Standards for Playgrounds have been developed to provide guidelines for the design, installation, maintenance and operation of playgrounds. They are not intended to provide totally risk free environments.

Australian Standards are a minimum benchmark. They are not mandatory unless referenced in legislation or regulation.

The Australian Standards for Playgrounds should be consulted by anyone planning, designing, building or maintaining a playground. Listed below are the current Australian Standards for Playgrounds.

AS 4685: Playground Equipment

AS 4685.0 Playground Equipment and Surfacing – Development, installation, inspection, maintenance and operation.

AS 4685.1 General safety requirements and test methods

AS 4685.2 Particular safety requirements and test methods for swings

AS 4685.3 Particular safety requirements and test methods for slides

AS 4685.4 Particular safety requirements and test methods for runways

AS 4685.5 Particular safety requirements and test methods for carousels

AS 4685.6 Particular safety requirements and test methods for rocking equipment

AS 4685.11 Particular safety requirements and test methods for spatial networks

AS 4422: Playground Surfacing

Specifications, Requirements & Test Methods

AS 1428.3: Design for Access and Mobility

Requirements for Children and Adolescents with Physical Disabilities

AS 4989: Trampolines

Safety Aspects

AS/NZS ISO 31000: Risk Management - Principles & Guidelines

AS3533.4.2: Amusement Rides and Devices

