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**Cots for day nursery, hospital
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requirements**

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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee CS/3, Safety Requirements for Children's Furniture to supersede AS 2130—1981 and NZS 5810:1992.

The objective of this Standard is to provide regulatory authorities with essential safety requirements for cots used in day nurseries, hospitals and institutions, and to provide manufacturers with functional durability, stability and performance criteria to meet these safety requirements, in order to reduce the likelihood of deaths or injuries to children.

The first edition of this Standard was AS 2130—1978. The document underwent a revision in 1981 to incorporate more stringent strength and durability requirements. The first edition of NZS 5810 in 1979 was an endorsement of BS 1753:1977 with a minor amendment, followed in 1992 by the second edition and an endorsement of AS 2172—1991, again with a minor amendment.

This joint edition brings dimensions and other requirements into alignment with AS/NZS 2172:1995 *Cots for household use—Safety requirements*. Extra requirements have been placed on the finish of the cot in recognition of the importance of keeping the structure free of microorganisms, and plastic has been added as a material suitable for constructing hospital and institutional cots. This Standard is based on the British Standard, BS 1694:1990, *Specification for hospital ward cots for children*. During preparation the Committee also considered South African Standard, SABS 521:1991, *Hospital beds and cots*.

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