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requirements**



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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee CS-003, Safety Requirements for Children's Furniture to supersede AS/NZS 2172:2003.

In Australia, the first edition of this Standard, AS 2172—1978, was prepared at the request of the former Consumer Standards Advisory Committee. The document underwent several revisions to widen its scope, incorporate additional requirements and clarify existing ones, and they in turn became the 1981, 1983 and 1991 editions.

In New Zealand, the first edition of NZS 5810 in 1979 was an endorsement of BS 1753:1977 with minor amendment, followed in 1992 by the second edition, an endorsement of AS 2172—1991, again with minor amendment.

AS 2172—1991 and NZS 5810:1992 underwent a further revision and a joint Australian and New Zealand Standard, AS/NZS 2172:1995 was issued, and followed by another revision, AS/NZS 2172:2003 with 2 amendments.

This edition updates requirements in the light of experience gained through implementation of the Standard.

New requirements have been added to ensure that removable components and components that detach during testing do not pose a choking hazard.

The objective of this Standard is to provide regulatory authorities with essential safety requirements 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.

There are currently developments in relation to dropside strength and durability that will require further consideration for this Standard when the findings are available.

The term 'normative' has been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which it applies. A 'normative' appendix is an integral part of a Standard.

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