

# Safety Standards

## CPSC

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's (CPSC) Handbook for Public Playground Safety serves as the reference for the entire playground industry. The CPSC Handbook should be a frequent reference tool during the planning process for any new play area.

Visit the **CPSC web site at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov)**.

Request CPSC Pub. No. 325 "Handbook for Public Playground Safety" or download it in a PDF format from their web site.

*\*Note: There is no certification program to the CPSC guidelines.*

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## ASTM

The American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM) is one of the largest voluntary standard-setting organizations in the world. In December of 1993, ASTM published F1487, Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use. The standard was reprinted in 1995, and 1998, and revised in 2001 with the new designation ASTM F1487-01. ASTM measurements establish minimum acceptable performance specifications for everything from swings to play surfacing. Visit the **ASTM web site at [www.astm.org](http://www.astm.org)**.

Request ASTM-F1487-01 "Specifications for Playground Equipment for Public Use"

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## CSA

The Canadian Standards Association (CSA) document A Guideline on Children's Play Spaces and Equipment (Standard CAN/CSA-Z614-98), published in 1998, contains recommendations on technical requirements and practices applicable to design, manufacture/construction, installation, maintenance, and inspection of children's play equipment for use in public play spaces. Call CSA at 800-163-6727 or visit the **web site at [www.csa.ca](http://www.csa.ca)**.

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## EN

### The European Norm EN1176

The European Norm EN1176 is the accepted playground safety standard for most of Europe and some other countries. It contains technical requirements and specifications for the design and installation of public playground equipment.

## SS 457: 1999

The Singapore Standard SS 457:1999 (ICS 97.200.40) was adopted by the Singapore Productivity and Standards Board (PSB) to establish acceptable performance specifications for playground equipment. Based primarily on ASTM F1487-95, the Singapore Standard consists of technical specifications for all major safety issues including installation, maintenance, design, and accessibility.

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