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Sports and recreational equipment — Parkour equipment — Safety requirements and test methods

National foreword

This British Standard is the UK implementation of EN 16899:2016. It supersedes BS 10075:2013 which is withdrawn.

BSI, as a member of CEN, is obliged to publish EN 16899 as a British Standard. However, attention is drawn to the fact that during the development of this European Standard, the UK committee voted against its approval due to the following:

The UK committee objected to IAS being required to comply with the 'Critical Height' in EN 1177 that is $\frac{2}{3}$ the actual height of the equipment (see Clause 6.2, paragraphs 2 & 3). The UK committee strongly recommends that the principles of IAS, as set out for other recreation product types, are maintained and the impact absorbing properties are equal to the fall height where Parkour Equipment is concerned.

Additionally, the UK committee is concerned that this standard does not adequately make users aware of the potential health and safety risks associated with the use of Parkour equipment and so the following additional information is provided for UK users:

- The UK committee noted that the falling height at which an IAS is required is determined at 1600 mm (see Clause 6.2, paragraph 1). This is higher than the national recommendation of 1200 mm in the previous standard, BS 10075. The consequences of falling from 1600 mm may be greater than a fall from 1200 mm.
- Parkour equipment is primarily for sporting activities and forms no part of children's play equipment. Whilst this is mentioned in this standard, managing site control access and that Parkour equipment may be mistaken for children's play equipment are not. It is recommended that Parkour equipment providers take further precautions to limit access by young or less competent users.
- In the UK, a legal requirement exists for risk assessment. Users should be aware of this when utilizing the principle of risk-benefit assessment given in this standard.

Note Parkour UK, the National Governing Body (NGB), can provide additional information.

The UK participation in its preparation was entrusted by Technical Committee SW/65, Children's playground equipment, to Subcommittee SW/65/1, Parkour.

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

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