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# **Foreword**

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# 1 Scope

This part of this European Standard specifies the mechanical safety requirements of office tables and desks.

NOTE In this standard, the words "table" and "desk" have the same meaning. For simplicity, only the word "table" is used in the remainder of the standard.

A similar standard is in preparation for office storage furniture. Desks with storage facilities should satisfy both standards when applicable.

### 2 Normative references

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EN 527-3:2002, Office furniture - Work tables and desks - Part 3: Methods of test for the determination of the stability and the mechanical strength of the structure.

# 3 General design requirements

The table shall be so designed as to minimise the risk of injury to the user.

Supporting elements shall be so placed as not to restrict the movements of users.

Intermediate supporting elements under the work top shall either be visible or be placed where the risk of injury to the user's legs or feet is minimised. The requirement is satisfied when, for example, the intermediate supporting elements are positioned less than 100 mm or more than 450 mm from the front edge of the table.

All parts of the table with which the user comes into contact during intended use shall be so designed that physical injury and damage to property are minimised.

These requirements are met when:

all edges and corners are free from burrs and rounded or chamfered;