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Foreword

This document (EN 15567-2:2007) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 136 "Sports, playground and other recreational equipment", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by June 2008, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by June 2008.

This standard is divided into the following two parts:

Part 1: Construction and safety requirements.

Part 2: Operation requirements.

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Introduction

Ropes courses vary considerably and may be used for education, recreational, training or therapeutic purposes.

Ropes course activities involve risks that should be managed by the operators. This is achieved through careful supervision, training, instruction, information etc.

Ropes course activities should only be taken by those who are physically and mentally able to comply with the safety requirements specified by the operator.

The various safety devices consist of equipment designed to limit the consequences of falls or collisions. There are inherent risks associated with ropes courses. These risks should however be appropriately managed and minimised by the ropes course operator and his staff; it should be understood that they can not be eliminated altogether.

On the basis of a risk assessment, operators should take reasonably practicable measures to ensure the safety of participants. This means that the degree of risks in a particular job/work place/facility needs to be balanced against the time, trouble, cost, benefits and physical difficulty of taking measures to avoid or reduce the risk.

Ropes course operators should also consider EN 15567-1, when carrying out risk assessments.

1 Scope

This European Standard applies to the operation of ropes courses, see definition in 3.1 of EN 15567-1:2007.

This Part 2 of these standards specifies operational requirements to ensure an appropriate level of safety and service when used for either recreation, training, education or therapeutic purposes.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 15567-1:2007, *Sports and recreational facilities — Ropes courses — Part 1: Construction and safety requirements*

EN ISO/IEC 17020, *General criteria for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspection (ISO/IEC 17020:1998)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 15567-1:2007 and the following apply.

3.1

instructor

person who has been trained to undertake the following duties:

- provide the information required to ensure that the equipment and elements are used correctly;
- check that participants use the right equipment;
- assess a person's self-sufficiency on a rope test course;
- ensure that the safety instructions are complied with;
- alert a rescuer if required;
- provide assistance to participants

3.2

operator

individual or organisation responsible for the operation of a ropes course

3.3

rescuer

instructor with the additional task of providing assistance and/or bringing participants back to the ground

3.4

accident

event that results in an injury or was caused by a failure of a critical application