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Foreword

This document (EN 1176-10:2008) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 136 “Sports, playground and other recreational facilities and equipment”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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EN 1176-1, *Playground equipment and surfacing — Part 1: General safety requirements and test methods*

EN 1176-2, *Playground equipment and surfacing — Part 2: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for swings*

EN 1176-3, *Playground equipment and surfacing — Part 3: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for slides*

EN 1176-4, *Playground equipment and surfacing — Part 4: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for cableways*

EN 1176-5, *Playground equipment and surfacing — Part 5: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for carousels*

EN 1176-6, *Playground equipment and surfacing — Part 6: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for rocking equipment*

EN 1176-7, *Playground equipment and surfacing — Part 7: Guidance on installation, inspection, maintenance and operation*

EN 1176-10, *Playground equipment and surfacing — Part 10: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for fully enclosed play equipment*

EN 1176-11, *Playground equipment and surfacing — Part 11: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for spatial network*

This part of EN 1176 should not be used in isolation, but in conjunction with EN 1176-1, EN 1176-7 and EN 1177.

For inflatable play equipment see

EN 14960, *Inflatable play equipment — Safety requirements and test methods*

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1 Scope

This document is applicable to fully enclosed play equipment intended for installation inside and outside buildings, for children up to 14 years old, see 3.1.

The purpose of this document is to provide additional safety requirements covering particulars of these structures, such as exits and escape routes, visibility, external "climbability", containment walls/netting in relation to safety area, ignition resistance, specific equipments/components, impact-attenuating surfaces, signage, specific inspection and maintenance.

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 1021-1, *Furniture — Assessment of the ignitability of upholstered furniture — Part 1: Ignition source smouldering cigarette*

EN 1021-2, *Furniture — Assessment of the ignitability of upholstered furniture — Part 2: Ignition source match flame equivalent*

EN 1176-1:2008, *Playground equipment and surfacing — Part 1: General safety requirements and test methods*

EN 1176-3:2008, *Playground equipment and surfacing — Part 3: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for slides*

EN 1176-4: *Playground equipment and surfacing — Part 4: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for cableways*

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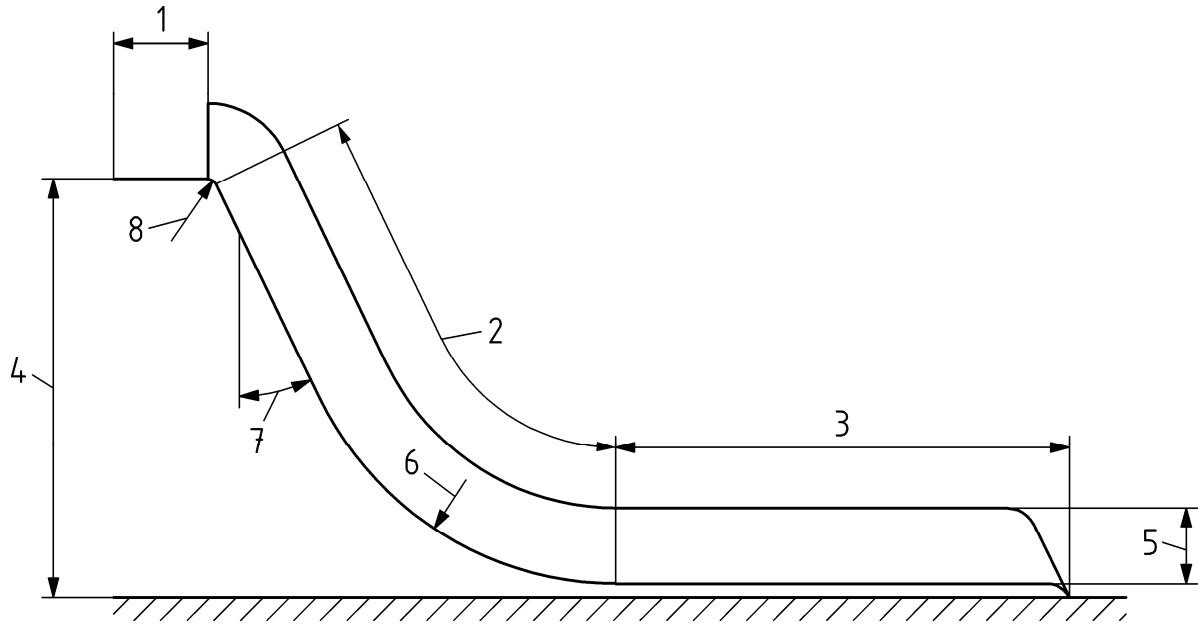
EN ISO 11925-2, *Reaction to fire tests - Ignitability of building products subjected to direct impingement of flame - Part 2: Single-flame source test (ISO 11925-2:2002)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 1176-1:2008 and EN 1177:2008 and the following apply.

3.1 fully enclosed play equipment
equipment and structures, including components and constructional elements with, or on which, children can play, that are within a three dimensional enclosure with specified entrances and exits

3.2 drop slide
open-fronted, near vertical free-fall slide which continues into a concave curve to a near horizontal run-out section (see Figure 1)



Key

- 1 starting section
- 2 sliding section (includes curve)
- 3 run-out section
- 4 height of slide
- 5 lateral protection
- 6 concave curve
- 7 slide angle to vertical, 15° min.
- 8 radius, 100 mm min.

Figure 1 — Typical drop slide, side view

3.3

overhead track ride (rigid)

equipment on which children can travel by self propulsion along a rigid fixed horizontal or inclined overhead track

3.4

terminus or starting point

area in which the user can reach the grip and/or "seat" and set the equipment in motion

3.5

area of travel

area in which the user can travel freely

3.6

overhead track

part of the structure that supports the traveller

3.7

traveller

moving part that, by influence of self propulsion by the user, he/she moves along the overhead track

3.8

linkage element

part of the structure between the traveller and the "seat" and which often also provides grip

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**3.9
end stops**
energy absorbing materials positioned to cushion the impact of the traveller at the start and end of the overhead track

**3.10
ball pools**
enclosure designed to contain a depth of balls within which children can play

**3.11
evacuation route**
path inside the equipment enabling adult access to bring a child to an exit; this includes access/egress points

**3.12
evacuation slide**
slide which ends either outside the play equipment or directly in front of an exit

4 Safety requirements

4.1 General

Fully enclosed play equipment shall conform to EN 1176-1 unless otherwise specified in this part of EN 1176.

4.2 Emergency procedures and fire safety management

4.2.1 Materials including flammability

Materials used in the construction of fully enclosed play equipment shall conform to EN ISO 11925-2 and/or EN 1021-1 and EN 1021-2.

4.2.2 Evacuation

4.2.2.1 Accessibility for adults

Equipment should be designed to ensure that adults are able to gain access to any point to assist children within the equipment.

4.2.2.2 General requirements for entrapment of the whole body

To prevent entrapment of the whole body, tunnels shall conform to the requirements for tunnels given in EN 1176-1:2008, 4.2.7.4.

4.2.2.3 Evacuation routes

Evacuation routes shall conform to Table 1.

An evacuation route shall have a height of at least 1 300 mm and a width of at least 900 mm, except that for capacities of less than 20 children, the width may be reduced to a minimum of 720 mm.

Play equipment can be placed inside the evacuation route only if it meets the following requirements.

- Play equipment that is placed along the vertical or horizontal surfaces of the evacuation route shall not impede exit and shall not provide a risk of entrapment.

- Moving play equipment hanging in the evacuation route, for example punching bags, shall allow easy passage through when using a manual pushing action.
- Play equipment in the evacuation route shall not reduce the route to a width of less than 900 mm or a height of less than 1 300 mm.
- Items of play equipment placed inside the evacuation route shall have a depth of no more than 200 mm and there shall be a distance of at least 1 000 mm between any pieces of such play equipment which reduce the dimensions of the evacuation route.

4.2.2.4 Evacuation slide

For any slide that ends directly in front of an exit, there shall be a distance no greater than 3 000 mm between the end of the run-out section and the exit.

4.2.2.5 Distance to the exit

The distance from any point in the equipment to the nearest exit shall be no greater than 18 m.

There are some special cases for calculation of this distance:

- for a slide, the distance is half the length of the sliding surface;
- for a climbing tower, add vertical and horizontal distances between the geometric centres of the openings (see Figure 2).