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Foreword

This document (EN 15567-2:2015) 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 15567 consists of the following parts, under the general title, *Sports and recreational facilities — Ropes courses*:

- *Part 1: Construction and safety requirements;*
- *Part 2: Operational requirements.*

The main changes to EN 15567-2:2007 are:

- a) terms and definitions revised (Clause 3);
- b) introduction of a categorization of individual safety systems and their respective requirements (Clause 3 and Clause 6);
- c) requirements for supervision revised in accordance with the categories of individual safety systems (Clause 9);
- d) correction of editorial errors.

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Introduction

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

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

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

Safety systems can be collective or individual. Individual safety systems are classified in categories A to E. However these categories do not in themselves determine the safety of the ropes course. 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 minimized by the ropes course operator and their staff; it should be understood that the risks cannot 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 risk in a particular job/work place/facility need to be balanced against the time, trouble, cost, benefits and physical difficulty of taking measures to avoid or reduce the risk.

It is recognized that application of every provision of this standard may not be appropriate in all circumstances. Any deviation from the standard should provide an equal or greater level of safety. When deviating from the standard a written risk assessment, setting out the rationale for the deviation should be provided.

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 as defined in EN 15567-1.

This European Standard specifies operational requirements to ensure an appropriate level of safety and service when used for recreational, training, educational or therapeutic purposes.

2 Normative references

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

EN 15567-1:2015, *Sports and recreational facilities — Ropes courses — Part 1: Construction and safety requirements*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

instructor

individual possessing the skills, knowledge, experience and judgement to supervise tasks or activities satisfactorily on a ropes course

Note 1 to entry: The role of an instructor can include the following:

- providing the information required to ensure that the equipment and elements are used correctly;
- checking that participants use the right equipment;
- assessing a participant's self-sufficiency on a test ropes course;
- providing appropriate levels of supervision;
- ensuring that the safety instructions are complied with;
- alerting a rescuer if required;
- providing assistance to participants;
- undertaking routine visual inspections.

3.2

operator

individual or organisation responsible for the operation of a ropes course

3.3

rescuer

instructor with the skills and competence to remove safely a person from any location on the ropes course accessed by the safety system

3.4

accident

event that results in an injury

SS-EN 15567-2:2015 (E)**3.5****level 1 supervision**

situation whereby an instructor can physically intervene to prevent a misuse of the individual safety system leading to a significant risk of serious injury or death

3.6**level 2 supervision**

situation whereby an instructor is able to see the participant and intervene verbally

3.7**level 3 supervision**

situation whereby a participant is in a position to alert an instructor of their need for assistance, who is able to respond promptly to the alert and provide adequate assistance

Note 1 to entry: It is intended that the role of the instructor is to be available to provide adequate assistance to a participant if called upon to do so. This is a largely reactive, rather than proactive, role.

3.8**supervising adult**

person aged 18 or above who is either the parent/legal guardian or has the authority of the parent/legal guardian of the child participant(s) and who has undertaken adequate training to accompany the child participant(s) and is in a position to see the child participant(s) and intervene verbally

3.9**PPE-inspector**

competent person who is appropriately qualified to inspect PPE

3.10**individual safety system**

component(s) connecting the harness to the safety line

Note 1 to entry: Each of the following systems A to E provide adequate levels of safety when used in combination with appropriate supervision, training, instruction and information.

3.10.1**individual safety system category A**

self-closing device which is not automatically self-locking

EXAMPLE Self-closing or screw gate connector.

Note 1 to entry: See also 7.1.

3.10.2**individual safety system category B**

self-locking device

EXAMPLE Self-locking connector.

3.10.3**individual safety system category C**

interlocking device designed to reduce the likelihood of unintentional detaching from the safety system

3.10.4**individual safety system category D**

interlocking device designed to prevent unintentional detaching from the safety system

3.10.5

individual safety system category E

device that is permanently attached during operation and can only be opened with a tool

4 Documents relating to site operation

4.1 Administrative documentation

The following administrative documentation shall be maintained:

- a) name and address of the owner and operator;
- b) any relevant permit and registration;
- c) a certificate of conformity to EN 15567-1 including the name and address of the manufacturer and the date of manufacture;
- d) document indicating the annual inspections carried out by an inspection body;
- e) list of the site personnel, their function and qualification/competence;
- f) evidence of public and other liability insurance.

4.2 Operation documentation

The site operation documentation shall include:

- a) logbook containing the daily operation sheets (including the faults observed during inspections at opening and closing times and relevant events concerning safety) (see the sample sheet in informative Annex A). The daily sheets should be kept for three years;
- b) accident report sheets;
- c) personal protective equipment inspection register and operation log;
- d) risk assessment and management plan which shall be drawn up by the ropes course operator. In case of deviations from the general requirements for supervision, a risk assessment and user manual shall be supplied;
- e) instructor and rescue training documents which demonstrate instructor competence in their role;
- f) participant safety instructions;
- g) manufacturer's product manual (see EN 15567-1:2015, 8.2);
- h) safety and emergency plan (see Clause 11);
- i) current tree assessment report (if relevant);
- j) current inspection report carried out by an inspection body;
- k) safety instructions.

4.3 Competence of instructors and rescuers

Ropes course operators shall verify through documentation (e.g. training records, certification, etc.) the competence of their instructors.