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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee CS-005, Playground Equipment, to supersede AS/NZS 4486.1:1997, *Playgrounds and playground equipment, Part 1: Development, installation, inspection, maintenance and operation*. It also incorporates the relevant parts of AS/NZS 4422:1996, *Playground surfacing—Specifications, requirements and test method*, dealing with the specifications and requirements for surfacing. AS/NZS 4422:1996 underwent review concurrently with this Standard and remains current solely to deal with the test method for impact-attenuating surfacing.

This Standard incorporates Amendment No. 1 (March 2019). The changes required by the Amendment are indicated in the text by a marginal bar and amendment number against the clause, note, table, figure or part thereof affected.

The objective of this Standard is to minimize the risk of injury to playground users. It provides requirements for siting, designing and developing playgrounds, for the selection of appropriate equipment and other design elements, for product information requirements, instructions and operating procedures, and for the minimization of operational hazards. This Standard is intended for use by designers and installers of playground equipment, as well as the operators of playgrounds.

This Standard will apply from the date of publication.

This Standard has been designated Part 0 of the AS 4685 series of Standards as it deals with the development, installation, inspection, maintenance and operation of the playground. The other Parts of the series specify equipment requirements and test methods.

The term ‘informative’ has been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendices to which it applies. An ‘informative’ appendix is only intended for information and guidance.

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