



Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Play Yards¹

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INTRODUCTION

This consumer safety specification addresses the play yard incidents that were identified by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).

In response to play yard-related incidents reported to the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS), this consumer safety specification attempts to minimize falls from play yards by requirements for height of sides, rails strength, and warnings; scissoring, shearing, and pinching injuries; strangulation by button entrapment in mesh openings; entrapment of body parts in holes or between slats; collapse of the floor or sides; choking on vinyl bitten from the top rail; failure of locking devices; and, suffocation in loose mesh or drop side models left with a side down in the down position.

This consumer safety specification is not intended to cover play yards that are either blatantly misused or used in a careless manner that disregards the safety instructions in the warning statement provided with each play yard.

This consumer safety specification is written within the current state-of-the-art of play yard technology. The intent is to update this consumer safety specification when ever substantive information becomes available which necessitates additional requirements or justifies revising the existing requirements.

1. Scope

1.1 This consumer safety specification establishes performance requirements, test methods, and marking requirements intended to enhance the safe construction and use of the play yards with the child inside or outside of the unit.

1.2 This consumer safety specification is to minimize injuries to children resulting from use and reasonably foreseeable misuse or abuse of play yards.

1.3 This consumer safety specification is not intended to address incidents and injuries resulting from the interaction of older children with children in the play yard or accidents resulting from the abuse or misuse by persons who exceed the physical criteria in 1.4.

1.4 For the purpose of this consumer safety specification, a play yard is a framed enclosure with a floor made for the purpose of containing a child who is unable to climb out of the play yard and having a height of 35 in. (890 mm) or less, or weighing not more than 30 lb (14 kg).

1.5 No play yard produced after the approval date of this consumer safety specification shall, either by label or other means, indicate compliance with this consumer safety specification unless it conforms to all requirements contained herein.

1.6 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The values in parentheses are provided for information only.

1.7 The following precautionary caveat pertains only to the test methods portion, Section 10, of this specification: *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, and health practices, and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

D 1424 Test Method for Tearing Strength of Fabrics by Falling-Pendulum Type (Elmendorf) Apparatus²

D 1683 Test Method for Failure in Sewn Seams of Woven Fabrics²

D 3359 Test Methods for Measuring Adhesion by Tape Test³

D 5034 Test Method for Breaking Strength and Elongation of Textile Fabrics (Grab Test)⁴

F 966 Consumer Safety Specification for Full-Size and Non-Full-Size Baby Crib Corner Post Extensions⁵

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² Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 07.01.

³ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 06.01.

⁴ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 07.02.

⁵ Annual Book of ASTM Standards, Vol 15.07.