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**Playground equipment**

**Part 3: Particular safety requirements  
and test methods for slides**



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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by Standards Australia Committee CS-005, Playground Equipment, to supersede, in part, AS 1924.2—1981, *Playground equipment for parks, schools and domestic use*, Part 2: *Design and construction—Safety aspects*.

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4685	Playground equipment
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4685.2	Part 2: Particular safety requirements and test methods for swings
4685.3	Part 3: Particular safety requirements and test methods for slides
4685.4	Part 4: Particular safety requirements and test methods for runways
4685.5	Part 5: Particular safety requirements and test methods for carousels
4685.6	Part 6: Particular safety requirements and test methods for rocking equipment

This Standard must be used in conjunction with AS 4685.1.

This Standard is based on, but not equivalent to, EN 1176-3:2003, *Playground equipment—Part 3: Additional specific safety requirements and test methods for slides*, which was prepared by CEN/TC 136, Sports Playgrounds and Recreational Equipment.

This Standard will apply from the date of publication. However the committee has decided that, to avoid excessive costs to manufacturers and operators, the superseded Standards, AS 1924.1 and AS 1924.2, will continue as an alternative for a period of one year after the publication date.

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## SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

### 1.1 SCOPE

This Standard specifies particular safety requirements for slides intended for permanent installation for use by children.

The requirements of this Standard apply in addition to the general requirements for playground equipment set out in AS 4685.1.

This Standard is not applicable to waterslides, bobsleds, rollerways or slide installations where auxiliary equipment such as mats or sleds are used.

### 1.2 OBJECTIVE

The objective of this Standard is to minimize risk of injury to children using playgrounds by providing internationally aligned specific requirements for playground equipment. The Standard is intended for use by designers, consultants, inspectors, manufacturers and installers of playground equipment as well as playground operators and maintenance professionals.

### 1.3 APPLICATION

The same hazards face a child from playground equipment whether it is produced by a commercial organization, such as a specialist manufacturer, a voluntary group, such as a service group or a parent organization, or a single individual. The requirements of this Standard therefore apply to all playgrounds and playground equipment.

### 1.4 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following document is referred to in this Standard:

AS	
4685	Playground equipment
4685.1	Part 1: General safety requirements and test methods

### 1.5 DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Standard, the definitions given in AS 4685.1 and those below apply.

#### 1.5.1 Attachment slide

Slide for which access to the starting section is possible only by passing via other equipment or parts of equipment. Such equipment includes climbing nets, bridges, platforms, inclined planes and other climbing devices.