

EN 71-1:2014+A1:2018 has adopted EN 14682:2014 for the requirements of cords and drawstrings

The requirements

The requirements from EN 14682:2014 (Safety of children's clothing — Cords and drawstrings on children's clothing — Specifications) has been included in the EU Toy Standard "EN 71-1:2014+A1:2018 clause 4.26 of Toy Disguise Costumes". The updated version has come into force starting **February 28, 2019**.

It is described as a "complete revision of the requirements for cords" in the Forward of the amended EN 71. These requirements, according to subclause 5.4 of the amended EN 71, are intended to prevent the strangulation hazard posed by drawstrings and to minimize the potential for entrapment of cords attached to disguise costumes.

Subclause 5.4.2 and 5.4.3 specifies requirements for cords and chains in toys intended for children under 18 months, and for those over 18 months but under 36 months respectively.

Exemption

General Exemption

The amended EN 71 allows for an exemption for cords that detach under a force of 25N. Cords that detach in this manner would no longer pose an entrapment hazard, and do not need for the compliance of EN 14682:2014

Specific Exemptions

- The requirements of 5.4.2 to 5.4.8 do not apply to toys intended to be strung across a cradle, cot or perambulator, however, any elements hanging down from such toys, where the elements are intended to be within the reach of children are not exempt from these subclauses. Toys intended to be strung across a cradle, cot or perambulator shall comply with 5.4.9.
- The requirements of 5.4.2 to 5.4.8 do not apply to cords or chains on toys attached to a cradle, cot or perambulator where those cords or chains are out of the reach of the child. Toys intended to be attached to a cradle, cot or perambulator shall comply with 5.4.9.
- The requirements of 5.4.2 to 5.4.5 and 5.4.7 to 5.4.9 do not apply to electrical cables on toys intended for children aged 18 months or over; such electrical cables shall comply with 5.4.6. Electrical cables on toys intended for children less than 18 months shall comply with the other subclauses of 5.4 as applicable.
- The requirements of 5.4.2.2 do not apply to play mats for infants where the length of cords is less than 110 mm, when measured in accordance with 8.40 (length of cords and chains) and the distance between the attachment points of any cords is greater than 300 mm when measured under a force of (25 ± 2) N.

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