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## **TRANSITION TIME FOR INDUSTRY TO ADAPT TO NEW PLAYGROUND STANDARDS AND NEW OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT STANDARDS**

The Preface to AS4685.1:2021 *Playground equipment and surfacing* states that:

*Regulatory Authorities have indicated 12 months as an appropriate transition period from the date of publication for the application of this Standard.*

The most recent version of AS4685 was published on 29 January 2021 and therefore members may elect to use either the 2014 edition or the newer 2021 edition up until 29 January 2022, after which the 2014 edition should no longer be used.

Play Australia recommends that during the transition period manufacturers and designers should clearly indicate the version of standards that they intend should apply in each applicable case.

As completely new standards not replacing existing standards there is no formal transition period for other recently published standards including *Permanently installed outdoor fitness equipment* (AS 16630:2021, published 29 January 2021), *Skateparks* (AS EN 14974:2021, published 22 January 2021), and *Parkour equipment* (AS EN 16899:2020, published 13 November 2020).

In the view of Play Australia, however, it would be reasonable to also apply a 12 month transition period with respect to designs and equipment already manufactured or otherwise currently available in the market where accommodating any new requirements is not reasonably practical, and where there is no significant safety implication

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