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Jumping safely into spring: new safety standard for domestic trampolines

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ANEC welcomes publication of the European safety standard EN 71-14¹ for trampolines used in private gardens. We urge parents and other family members to buy only trampolines that comply with this standard.

The start of spring is a popular time for children to be bought a new toy trampoline. Unfortunately, trampolines have been an all too frequent source of accidents.

ANEC Secretary-General, Stephen Russell, commented, "Considering the number of accidents involving domestic trampolines - 7.000 children were injured in Sweden alone in 2008 - there was urgent need to develop a standard for trampolines used in private gardens. ANEC followed the development of EN 71-14 closely".

¹ EN 71-14:2014 "Safety of toys - Part 14: Trampolines for domestic use", referenced in the OJEU of 13 March 2015.

EN 71-14 addresses all trampolines used by one person at a time in the domestic environment, regardless of outdoor or indoor placement. Its safety requirements include the durability of materials; the prevention of entrapment (of fingers, head & neck, feet); avoidance of sharp edges; strength and stability; enclosures; access devices (such as ladders), as well as warnings, markings and instructions. The standard also defines requirements for mini-trampolines². In-ground trampolines are not included in the new standard.

Mr Russell continued, "Despite publication of EN 71-14, we believe a revision of the standard is needed to address remaining issues, such as in-ground trampolines. In the meantime, we urge parents to buy only trampolines that comply with EN 71-14, as it gives presumption of conformity to the European Toy Safety Directive³".

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² characterized by frame size < 1.500mm, frame height <350mm, and maximum user weight 25kg

³ DIRECTIVE 2009/48/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 18 June 2009 on the safety of toys

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