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This document has been based on—

- (a) British Standard BS 6998, *Bunk beds*;
- (b) draft International Standard ISO/DP 9098-1, *Furniture—Bunk beds—Safety requirements and testing*, Part 1: *Safety requirements for domestic use* and ISO/DP 9098-2, *Furniture—Bunk beds—Safety requirements and testing*, Part 2: *Test methods*;
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