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## Bunk beds

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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee CS-003, Safety Requirements for Children's Furniture, following concern expressed by the South Australian Department of Human Services and Departments of Fair Trading about the number and severity of injuries suffered by children falling from or otherwise injured by bunk beds. This Standard supersedes AS/NZS 4220:1994.

The objective of this Standard is to provide regulatory authorities with safety requirements and to provide manufacturers with functional, durability, stability and performance criteria to meet these safety requirements, in order to reduce the likelihood of deaths or injuries to children.

The term 'normative' has been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which it applies. A 'normative' appendix is an integral part of a Standard.

The Committee considered raising the minimum vertical distance between the upper surface of the guardrail and the upper surface of the mattress base to a minimum of 360 mm from 260 mm in this version of the Standard. However it was decided that further stakeholder consultation is required. This will be considered at the next revision of this Standard.

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