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Foreword

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For relationship with EU Directive(s), see informative Annex ZA, which is an integral part of this document.

The significant changes from the previous edition of this standard are detailed in Annex D.

This standard is part 4 of a series of standards for the safety of toys.

This part 4 of the EN 71 series is intended to be read in conjunction with EN 71, part 1.

EN 71, Safety of toys, consists of the following parts:

- Part 1: Mechanical and physical properties
- Part 2: Flammability
- Part 3: Migration of certain elements
- Part 4: Experimental sets for chemistry and related activities (the present document)
- Part 5: Chemical toys (sets) other than experimental sets
- Part 7: Finger paints Requirements and test methods
- Part 8: Activity toys for domestic use
- Part 9: Organic chemical compounds Requirements
- Part 10: Organic chemical compounds Sample preparation and extraction
- Part 11: Organic chemical compounds Methods of analysis
- Part 12: N-Nitrosamines and N-nitrosatable substances
- Part 13: Olfactory board games, gustative board games, cosmetic kits and gustative kits
- Part 14: Trampolines for domestic use

In addition to the above parts of EN 71, the following guidance documents have been published:

- CR 14379:2002, Classification of toys Guidelines,
- CEN/TR 15071:2005, Safety of toys National translations of warnings and instructions for use in EN 71
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Introduction

This European Standard, EN 71-4, is intended to reduce the risks and health hazards to a child when *experimental sets* involving chemical experiments are used as intended or in a foreseeable way, bearing in mind the behaviour of children.

During use of these *experimental sets*, the hazards should be kept to a minimum by the provision of appropriate information to make the experiments safe and controllable. Therefore, this European Standard specifies warning phrases and instructions for use for *experimental sets*.

As a general rule, *experimental sets* are designed and manufactured for particular ages of children. Their characteristics are related to the age and stage of development of the children, and their use presupposes certain aptitudes. Age requirements are therefore given.

The requirements of this European Standard do not release parents or carers from their responsibility of watching over the child while he or she is carrying out experiments. On the contrary, the use of these sets requires close supervision by adults.