



SKATE PARKS

Skate Parks now have their own Australian Standard – AS EN 14974:202. The purpose is to specify safety requirements, which to a large extent protects users and third parties (e.g. spectators) from hazards.

Skate Parks have long been a popular outdoor activity for users of all ages and skill level and are commonly found in many public open spaces.

Definition:

Facility with one or more skate elements and sport-specific areas for users of skateboards or similar roller sports equipment as well as BMX bikes.



Safety Considerations:

Skate Parks should be constructed with materials which have structural integrity and does not deteriorate. These materials can include concrete, timber, laminated wood, plywood, asphalt and metal. Each material has its own EN standard by which it should abide.

Where Skate Parks are constructed in combination with playgrounds, sports grounds and holiday parks, they shall be physically separated by an appropriate distance using structural measures.

Adequate access for emergency services should be provided.

All externally accessible edges should be rounded with a radius of at least 3mm or chamfered by a minimum of 3x3mm.

Horizontal rolling surfaces and the toe of the foot plate shall not exceed a difference of 5mm.

Skate elements should be screwed together, securely joined or fixed to the ground to prevent displacement.

Free height of fall of rolling and grinding surfaces shall not exceed 1500mm.

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