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Exercise equipment

Australian mandatory safety standards

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If you are a manufacturer, importer, wholesaler or retailer of certain exercise equipment supplied to Australia (online or shop front) you **must** comply with the applicable Australian mandatory safety standards. Supplying or selling non-compliant exercise equipment to consumers in Australia is illegal.

Exercise cycles

Exercise cycles are stationary devices used for exercise by activity simulating bicycle riding. They typically contain moving parts such as a flywheel and drive chain.

Instructions

Exercise cycles must be supplied with user instructions that outline:

- assembly
- maintenance
- correct adjustment of the seat.

Other key requirements

Exercise cycles must also:

- include protective guards that prevent a child's fingers reaching hazardous moving parts while the bike is operating
- be tested to ensure that exercise cycles meet requirements for entrapment hazards
- be tested to ensure the seat and its support can resist failure that could impale or injure the user.

Treadmills

Treadmills are exercise devices that consist of an endless conveyor belt that is rotated either manually or by a motor, used for walking or jogging in one place.

Labels

The following warning label must be permanently attached in an obvious location that is visible when the treadmill is in use and must be separate from any other warning label:

WARNING: keep young children away from this machine at all times. Contact with the moving surface may result in severe friction burns.

- The word 'WARNING' must be in bold and uppercase.
- The uppercase letters must not be less than 5 mm and the lower case letters not less than 2.5 mm in height.

Testing

Suppliers of products that are subject to mandatory standards are encouraged to use specialist laboratories to conduct testing of those products to ensure they comply with the mandatory standard.

Visit the Product Safety Australia website for more information on [product testing](#).

Consumer guarantees

All traders supplying into the Australian market, whether you are in Australia or not, must comply with Australian trading laws. Suppliers must provide consumers with a repair, replacement or refund if goods are faulty, unsafe, or do not work or appear as they should. These laws form part of the Australian Consumer Law (contained in Schedule 2 to the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*).

For more information, visit the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission website at: www.accc.gov.au/consumerrights.

More information

Suppliers should read the mandatory and voluntary standards below for the **full** compliance requirements. The voluntary standard is available from [SAI Global](#).

The mandatory standard for exercise cycles is based on the Australian voluntary standard and may be modified by amendment.

Product	Mandatory standard	Voluntary standard
Exercise cycles	Consumer Protection Notice No.9 of 1997	AS 4092:1993
Treadmills	Trade Practices (Consumer Product Safety Standard) (Treadmills) Regulations 2009	

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