



# **Safety of the playgrounds – law and practice in Estonia**

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# Summary of presentation

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- Consumer Protection Boards' practice regarding safety of playgrounds

# **The Consumer Protection Board of Estonia.....**

.....is a government authority within the area of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communication, which implements consumer protection at national level.

# **Main tasks of the CPB**

- Exercising market supervision in the consumer market
- Increasing the awareness of consumers
- The settlement of consumer complaints

# **Market supervision in the consumer market**

- supervision of product and service safety
- supervision of advertising
- the protection of the consumers' economic interests

# **The Consumer Protection Board of Estonia ...**

....is the market surveillance authority for consumer products under the following European Directives:

- General Product Safety Directive (2001/95/EC)
- Toy Directive (88/378/EEC)
- Personal Protective Equipment Directive (89/686/EEC) ( I and II class)

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- GPSD committee
- RAPEX

# Market Surveillance Department

- 10 chief inspectors (on central Board)  
*4 of them are dealing direct with product safety issues*
- 4 legal advisers (on central Board)
- 15 chief inspectors (in Estonian counties)

# **Safety of the playgrounds**

The institutions related to the safety of  
the playgrounds



# The Consumer Protection Board

- The safety of the equipment which is offered for sale at the importers' and distributors' venues and not installed and not yet available for users
- The indoor playground equipment which is already installed and the owner of the area is a private entrepreneur

# **The Consumer Protection Board**

- Product and Service Safety Act entered into force on 1 May 2004
- Consumer Protection Act entered into force on 15 April 2004
- Trading Act entered into force on 15 April 2004
- European standards EN1176 and EN1177

# Technical Inspectorate

- Technical Inspectorate is responsible for checking installed outdoor playground equipment
- Building Act
- *An integrated playground device (with ground) is under the Building Act a type of construction object*

- **Health Protection Inspectorate** deals with children facilities playground equipment safety and conducts surveillance under the Public Health Act and its sub acts
- **Local governments** establish new public outdoor playgrounds, coordinate their maintenance and repair

# CPBs' practice regarding safety of playgrounds

## 2006

- 4 indoor playgrounds
- 2 prescriptions and 2 warning letters
- 4 enterprisers were not in the Register of Economic Activities

## 2007

- 27 cases
- 4 prescriptions
- In 12 cases entrepreneurs' attention was drawn to minor noncompliance

# Accidents

- no register about the accidents
- 3 complaints (in 2006 and 2007)



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