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## Confirmation of Waterborne Inflatables Standard

Standards Australia recently published AS 3533.4.5:2017, *Amusement rides and devices, Part 4.5: Specific requirements—Waterborne inflatables*.

AS 3533.4.5:2017 was originally published as an interim standard in 2012. It is now confirmed as an Australian Standard following industry consultation.

Often used in amusement park and waterpark rides, a waterborne inflatable, or WBI, refers to an inflatable used on controlled water.

The standard provides guidance to manufacturers and operators of waterborne inflatable equipment and facilities on how to design and operate this type of device. The standard was written to help protect the health and safety of both operating staff and patrons.

Before the interim standard, no standard existed specifically for waterborne inflatable devices in Australia. Designers and operators instead referred more generally to parts of the standard covering the construction, operation and maintenance of all amusement rides and devices.

Anthea Hammon, Chair of the committee ME-051, Amusement Rides and Devices, explained the need for AS 3533.4.5 within the industry.

“Amusement rides are meant to be a fun and entertaining experience for all. Our intention is that at the end of the day amusement parks are safer for everyone’s enjoyment,” said Ms Hammon.

The standard was developed through consensus from industry, government and community interests.

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