



CAUTIONARY NOTE

International Standards — the limitations.

Challenge Courses, Flying Foxes, Zip Lines & Canopy Tours

The Issue

Compliance with ACCT, PRCA and/or ERCA Challenge Ropes Course and Canopy Tour standards alone does not automatically mean that an installation will also meet the requirements of associated Australian standards as produced by Standards Australia and referenced by the various State Workplace Regulators.

There are over 40 standards produced by Standards Australia that relate to the various components of typical Challenge Courses. In some instances an item referred to in an international standard will be subtly different to a similar looking item used and sourced in Australia. Often items are required to meet different testing criteria even though their application and appearance is similar.

To further complicate the issue, legislation regarding the operation of such installations will differ between countries and also differ within countries and states depending on the intended market.

The Crux

Operators, Venture Partners, Hosts, Investors, Installers, Maintainers, Inspectors, Designers, Insurers need to ensure that installations meet Australian Workplace Regulatory body expectations. The various international standards serve as excellent reference material and starting points, however, it is imperative that the standards are cross-referenced with the various relevant Australian Standards and Regulations.

The Future

It is hoped that when the '*Artificial climbing structures and challenge course standard*' presently being developed by Standards Australia is finally completed the Australian Industry and guest installers from overseas will have a single Australian reference document — *a one stop shop.*

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Vii will continue to

- stay abreast of the International and Domestic Standards,
- monitor the various state Regulatory Body guidelines and expectations,
- actively contribute to the development of the Australian Artificial Climbing Structures and Challenge Course Standard

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