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EN 71-1 / -2 / -3

Safety of toys — Part 1: Mechanical and physical properties; Part 2: Flammability; Part 3: Migration of certain elements

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CURRENT EDITION The editions cited in the Official Journal give the presumption of conformity; check them before quoting a part on a certificate or declaration.

What It Covers

The three parts most often tested for EU toys: mechanical and physical hazards, flammability, and migration limits for 19 elements across three categories of toy material.

Who It Applies To

Toy manufacturers and importers who rely on the harmonized standards to show conformity with the EU toy safety rules.

Key Requirements

- EN 71-1: small parts, sharp edges and points, cords, projectiles, and age-related tests.
- EN 71-2: flammability of toys, costumes, and soft-filled toys.
- EN 71-3: migration limits by material category (dry, liquid or sticky, and scraped-off).
- Test reports that name the part, edition, and amendments applied.

What an Auditor Asks to See

- Test reports showing the edition and amendments of each part.

Where Systems Fall Short

- Reports that cite “EN 71” with no part or year.

How QES helps. Test plan reviews that match each product to the right parts and editions. See the gap assessment: qesisbest.com/services.html#gap-assessment · +1 (401) 246-3204 · mweeden@qesisbest.com

Sources, checked October 24, 2026. CEN — Toy safety standards (CEN/TC 52) — www.cencenelec.eu; EUR-Lex — Directive 2009/48/EC on the safety of toys — eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2009/48/oj.

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