

**BS EN 1263, Safety Nets:
Part 1: Safety requirements, test methods
and
Part 2: Safety requirements for the positioning limits**

The British Standards Institution (BSI) has published *draft* revisions of BS EN 1263-1 and -2 (<http://drafts.bsigroup.com/Home/Details/49859>), for public consultation¹.

Part 1

prEN 1263-1:2012 has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 53 “Temporary works equipment”, the secretariat of which is held by DIN, and is currently submitted to the CEN Enquiry. The document will supersede EN 1263-1:2002. No explanation of the changes is given.

The *Scope* states that,

“This European Standard applies to safety nets and their accessories for use in construction and assembly work to protect from deeper fall. It specifies safety requirements and test methods and is based on the performance characteristics of polypropylene and polyamide fibres. Materials used in nets should have no significant reduction in mechanical properties between –10 °C and +40 °C.

This European Standard is not applicable to the installation of safety nets. For a European Standard covering the installation of safety nets see EN 1263-2.”

Part 2

prEN 1263-2:2012 has, again, been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 53 “Temporary works equipment”. It is currently submitted to the CEN Enquiry. The document will supersede EN 1263-1:2002. No explanation of the changes is given.

The *Scope* states that:

“This European Standard specifies safety requirements for the positioning of safety nets in accordance with the manufacturer’s instruction manual and with the product specifications and for the testing of system S, system T, system U and system V safety nets in accordance with EN 1263-1.

Small safety nets of system S according to EN 1263-1 (less than 35 m² and 5m on the shortest side) are not dealt with in this European Standard.”

Comments must be submitted by **31 March 2013**.

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Notes:

There are four systems of safety net:

- 1) System S: Safety net with border rope;
- 2) System T: Safety net attached on brackets for horizontal use;
- 3) System U: Safety net attached to supporting framework for vertical use; and
- 4) System V: Safety net with border rope attached to a gallows-type support.