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Season's Greetings and best wishes for the New Year!

Moving on to 2021

Making lives easier, safer and better

Welcome to the December 2020 update of ISO's activities for standards and consumer protection.

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- Enhance the market relevance of International Standards by promoting and facilitating the input of consumers' views into ISO's policies, procedures, standards and services
- Help consumers around the world benefit from standardization.

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What's happening

Around the world

CZECH REPUBLIC

The year 2020 was extremely difficult for many sectors within national, European and global economies. The impact of the measures taken in connection with the Covid 19 pandemic will have repercussions for a long time to come.

It has therefore been difficult for the Cabinet for Standardization to obtain funding for service contracts, but one area where it succeeded was playgrounds and sports facilities. As an advisory body of the Ministry of Industry and Trade for developing the quality of products and services in the Czech market, the Quality Council of the Czech Republic supported a project called the Ten Principles and Best Practices for Safe Playgrounds and Athletic Fields - from project to operation.

In essence, the project draws on a comprehensive study and offers distilled information on best practice procedures for operators or investors in playgrounds and athletic fields. Ten basic principles have been developed and are considered essential for the provision of functional playgrounds and athletic fields intended for, or used by, children and young people.

These 10 principles have been grouped into five broad categories:

- 1) Goals and intentions when building a playground or athletic field
- 2) The designer's role in preparing a playground or athletic field project
- 3) Construction and installation of a playground or athletic field
- 4) The operator's duties and responsibilities
- 5) Other best practice tools

The 40-page Ten Principles project emphasizes the use of European standards (EN) during the whole process, starting with the design up to the actual operation of a public facility. Since high professionalism and validated content do not always go hand in hand with readability, the Cabinet also prepared a short, printed booklet with a brief description of the Ten Principles and referring to the [online material](#) (in Czech). Contact: Libor Dupal - dupal@top-normy.cz.