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## European foreword

This document (EN 16121:2023) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 207 “Furniture”, the secretariat of which is held by UNI.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by June 2024, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by June 2024.

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This document supersedes EN 16121:2013+A1:2017 and EN 14073-2:2004.

In comparison with the previous version EN 16121:2013+A1:2017 of edition EN 16121:2013 and of edition EN 14073-2:2004, the following technical modifications have been made:

- update on the requirements for finger entrapment reflecting CEN/TR 17202:2018 including an annex containing test methods;
- normative references have been updated;
- requirements for glass have been improved;
- finger entrapment/shear squeeze requirements have been corrected and made applicable to kindergarten only;
- office and laboratory storage have been added to the list of applications;
- the fields of application in relation to the test severity were amended;
- test load added in Annex E.

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for the safety, strength, and durability for all types of non-domestic storage furniture including office storage furniture.

It does not apply to domestic storage, industrial storage, kitchen, catering equipment, retail storage, and industrial storage lockers.

Requirements for strength and durability do not apply to the structure of the building for example the strength of wall hanging cabinets includes only the cabinets and the parts used for attachment. The wall and the wall attachments are not included.

This document contains five annexes:

- Annex A (normative) Test methods for finger entrapment and shear and compression;
- Annex B (normative) Requirements for schools, kindergartens and similar applications;
- Annex C (normative) Selecting product from a range of furniture;
- Annex D (informative) Guidance of test severity in relation to application for non-domestic storage furniture;
- Annex E (informative) Suggested loads for tests not specified in this document.

It does not include requirements for the resistance to ageing, degradation and flammability.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 71-1:2014+A1:2018, *Safety of toys — Part 1: Mechanical and physical properties*

EN 716-2:2017, *Furniture — Children's cots and folding cots for domestic use — Part 2: Test methods*

EN 12150-1:2015+A1:2019, *Glass in building — Thermally toughened soda lime silicate safety glass — Part 1: Definition and description*

EN 12600, *Glass in building — Pendulum test — Impact test method and classification for flat glass*

EN 14072:2003, *Glass in furniture — Test methods*

EN 16122:2012, *Domestic and non-domestic storage furniture — Test methods for the determination of strength, durability and stability*