

Specification for

# Impact performance requirements for flat safety glass and safety plastics for use in buildings

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## Foreword

This British Standard has been prepared under the direction of the Glass Standards Committee<sup>1)</sup> at the request of the Glass and Glazing Federation, in order to provide specified and verifiable safety performance criteria for the types of flat safety glass and safety plastics used in buildings so as to reduce cutting and piercing injuries to persons who impact them.

In the preparation of this standard, full consideration has been given to the United States standard ANSI Z 97.1-1975 "Safety performance specifications and methods of test for safety glazing material used in buildings", which appears to have been successful in reducing injury due to accidents involving glass and plastics since its initial publication in 1972.

Work is currently being carried out by CEN Technical Committee 129, Glass in building, with the objective of producing a European Standard on the impact performance of flat glass for use in buildings. The United Kingdom is actively participating in the preparation of this new European Standard, which will be adopted as a British Standard when it is published. It is anticipated that the new standard will be available in approximately 3 years time and will supersede the impact performance requirements for flat glass given in BS 6206.

The Technical Committee responsible for BS 6206 decided that changes were required to improve and clarify the test procedure to overcome the deficiencies identified in the existing procedure and thereby extend the validity of the standard.

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