

UK INTERPRETATIONS GROUP

The BTHA's interpretations group consisting of BTHA members, test laboratories, manufacturers, importers and retailers has agreed upon the following interpretation.

Interpretation no.	104P
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Standard/Directive	EN71-1: 2011
Clause No	8.9
Clause Title	Protruding parts

Question

Clause 4.9 states that "Tubes and rigid components in the form of projections which constitute a **puncture hazard** to a child shall be protected".

However A10 states that "These requirements are intended to address the hazards associated with the users of toys falling on projections or rigid components on toys ... possibly causing **internal injury** or **skin puncture**. Such protruding parts should be protected. The size and shape of the end protection has not been stipulated, except for *toy scooters*, but the end protection should be given a sufficiently large surface area to avoid **puncturing** of the body."

Should projections which could cause internal injury, but may not necessarily puncture the skin, should be protected.

Interpretations Group Answer /Action

The rational does not match the requirement.

Compliance with the requirement in 4.9 is the requirement.

A10 is not a requirement.

A case by case assessment is required and this is subjective.

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