

Specification for

Adjustable height walking frames

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Foreword

This British Standard has been prepared under the direction of the Health Care Standards Policy Committee and supersedes BS 5104:1974, which is withdrawn. BS 5104 was first published in 1974 and gave requirements for three sizes of adjustable height walking frames based on tests carried out on various types of walking frame that have been found to be satisfactory in use. It was amended in 1985 by the publication of AMD 4709, which increased the maximum height to which the frames could be adjusted, and made also, together with the second amendment AMD 5379 in 1987, a number of minor changes.

This edition of BS 5104 incorporates the published amendments and introduces technical changes to bring the standard up-to-date but it does not reflect a full review of the standard, which will be undertaken in due course. This edition introduces a wider range of surface finishes for aluminium walking frames and components, a greater range of height adjustment and a requirement that the walking frame be marked with the batch number. The requirement for leg extensions to be captive has been deleted so as to facilitate changing the extensions.

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